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St. Joan Of Arc Catholic Church	919 Haywood Rd.

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St. George's Episcopal Church	1 School Rd.

Faith Tabernacle Cathedral of Life	36 Michigan Ave.

Lutheran:

Emmanuel Lutheran Church	51 Wilburn Place

Methodist:

Abernethy United Methodist Church	1418 Patton Ave.
Asheville Wesleyan Church	32 Richmond Ave.
Trinity United Methodist Church	587 Haywood Rd.
Wilson Chapel United Methodist Church	14 N. French Broad Ave.

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JOHN ROUECHE IS NEW PASTOR OF JOAN OF ARC

Native Of Salisburg Succeeds The Rev. John Manley In W. Asheville.

The Rev. John F. Roueche, native of Salisbury and a brother of Sister Xavier, head of the St. Joseph's hospital, is new pastor of St. Joan of Arc Catholic church, effective February 2.

He succeeds the Rev. John P. Manley, who has been assigned special work by the bishop of the Catholic diocese of North Carolina. Father Manley will have headquarters in Pinehurst.

Father Roueche is now on terminal leave after having served as army chaplain for five years in the European and Pacific theaters of operation.

He received his education in Belmont Abby and at St. Mary's seminary in Baltimore. Before entering the service he was pastor of a Catholic church in Burlington.

The Rev. Stephen W. Aylward is assistant pastor at St. Joan of Arc church.

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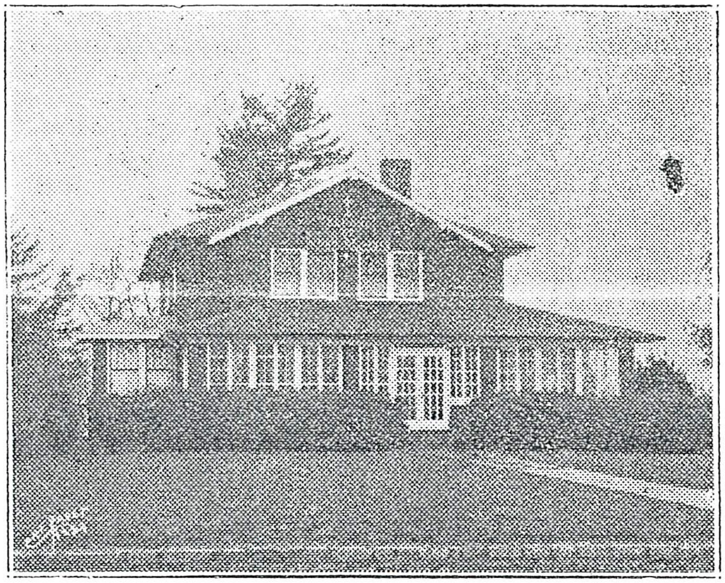
Progress in Education.....



Saint Joan of Arc School

On September 19th, 1927 St. Joan of Arc opened its doors to boys and girls from the 1st through the 8th grade. Three Sisters of Christian Education from St. Genevieve were the first teachers in charge. Through the untiring efforts of Monsignor Louis Bour the school prospered and became in a short time an important unit of education in Western North Carolina.

The continuous progress of the school through the years and the yearly waiting list of pupils show that there is an evident appreciation of the work done by the Sisters.

A new fire proof building will be completed by September 1950. It will be up to date in every way. Of great interest to many will be the opening of a kindergarten. Applications for September are already being received. Reverend William Kuder is in charge.

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ASHEVILLE CITIZEN-TIMES

Lent opens as faithful observe Ash Wednesday

By Andre A. Rodriguez
STAFF WRITER

ASHEVILLE — Today is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent, one of the holiest times of the Christian faith.

Many who observe Ash Wednesday will attend services today and have their foreheads smudged with ashes as a symbol that they have been sealed, or marked, by God as one of his own.

"It's a reminder that we are indeed dust, and to dust we will return," said the Rev. John Pagel, pastor of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in West Asheville. "It's a good time to look at who you are as an individual inside and how that shows outside."

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the 40-day Lenten period, which Pagel called "a holy season." Lent culminates with Easter Sunday, which is March 27 this year.

"The whole season is about sacrifice, repentance and conversion," said Pagel.

The ashes used to mark the foreheads of believers are traditionally made from the palm fronds that are waved in the church on Palm Sunday, which is the Sunday before Easter and commemorates Christ's arrival in Jerusalem.

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For video of the 8:30 a.m: Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in West Asheville, visit **CITIZEN-TIMES.com** later today.

Ewart Ball/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Multitudes of the Christian faithful will go to churches today to get ashes smeared in the mark of the cross on their foreheads. Here, the Rev. John Pagel, pastor of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in West Asheville, administers ashes to Phonz Doan and his son Mason, 2, in 2004.

LENT: Catholic community growing in N.C.

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"The palm fronds are waved on Palm Sunday as a symbol of the praise and adulation, but then death comes but in a few days," Pagel said.

The fronds are burned and ground into a fine powder to be used on Ash Wednesday.

Pagel explained that according to the Christian tradition, Jesus Christ gave his life to save the souls of humankind and that Lent is a good time to remember his sacrifice.

While most Christian faiths observe Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday, Lent is particularly associated with the Catholic faith. And the Catholic community is growing in North Carolina.

According to a 2004 Glenmary Research Center report, the number of Catholics in North Carolina increased 111.1 percent from 149,483 in 1990 to 315,606 in 2000. That's the second-fastest growing population of Catholic adherents in the country, the fastest growing being in Nevada.

Why the increase? It's been attributed to the migration of people from the Northeastern United States, Hispanics and retirees who move from other states, bringing with them their denominational ties, according to the "North Carolina Atlas Revisited."

Ashes as holy reminders

Ash Wednesday is its colloquial name. Its official name is the Day of Ashes. It is called Ash Wednesday because, being 40 days before Good Friday, it always falls on a Wednesday and because on that day at church the faithful have their foreheads marked with ashes in the shape of a cross.

Marjorie Maxwell of Asheville said that being smeared with the ashes serves to "remind us that Jesus was crucified for us."

"Ash Wednesday is when we anticipate the great gift of being brought back to life (in the spiritual sense)," Pagel said, "and to remember our responsibility to accept the gift. As Christians, we believe there is a spiritual aspect (of our being) that goes on."

Another way Christians honor Christ's gift on Ash Wednesday, Pagel said, is by fasting for the day.

"It's about sacrifice," he said. "We remember what the Lord does for us, and look at ourselves interiorly."

Pagel said that aside from Easter, Ash Wednesday services are some of the best attended, and that though many people may not truly understand the significance of the day, they seek solace in the act of having their foreheads marked.

"I think there is a desire in people for a deeper closeness to God," he said. "Many of them look for and seem to find it in the rituals we surround Ash Wednesday with."

Bill Wescott said for him Ash Wednesday has always been a special day. He grew up in an Irish family and remembers relatives celebrating Shrove Tuesday, also known as Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday, and getting to eat doughnuts the day before Ash Wednesday.

"We moved around a lot when I was growing up, 18 times in 12 years," Wescott said. "Ash Wednesday was one of the anchoring things in my life."

"Ash Wednesday is a good time to continue one's thinking about their spiritual life," Pagel said, "and if one hasn't thought much about it, it's a good time to begin. There's never a bad time to begin with God."

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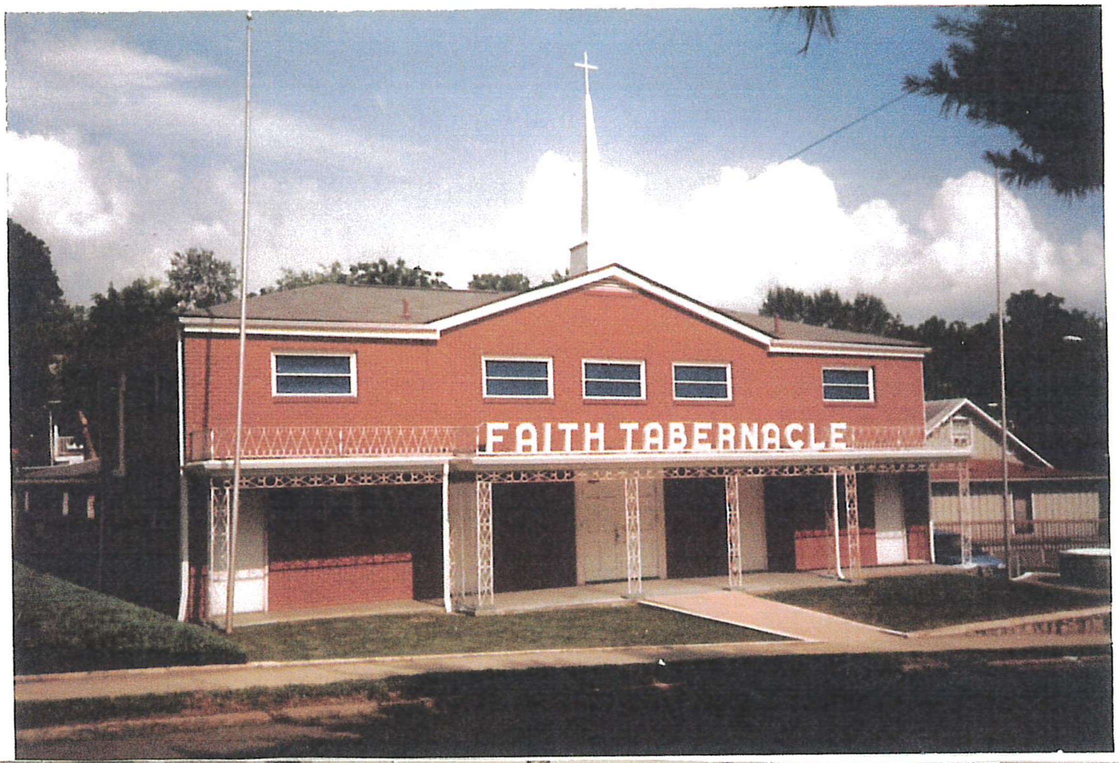
Faith Tabernacle Cathedral of Life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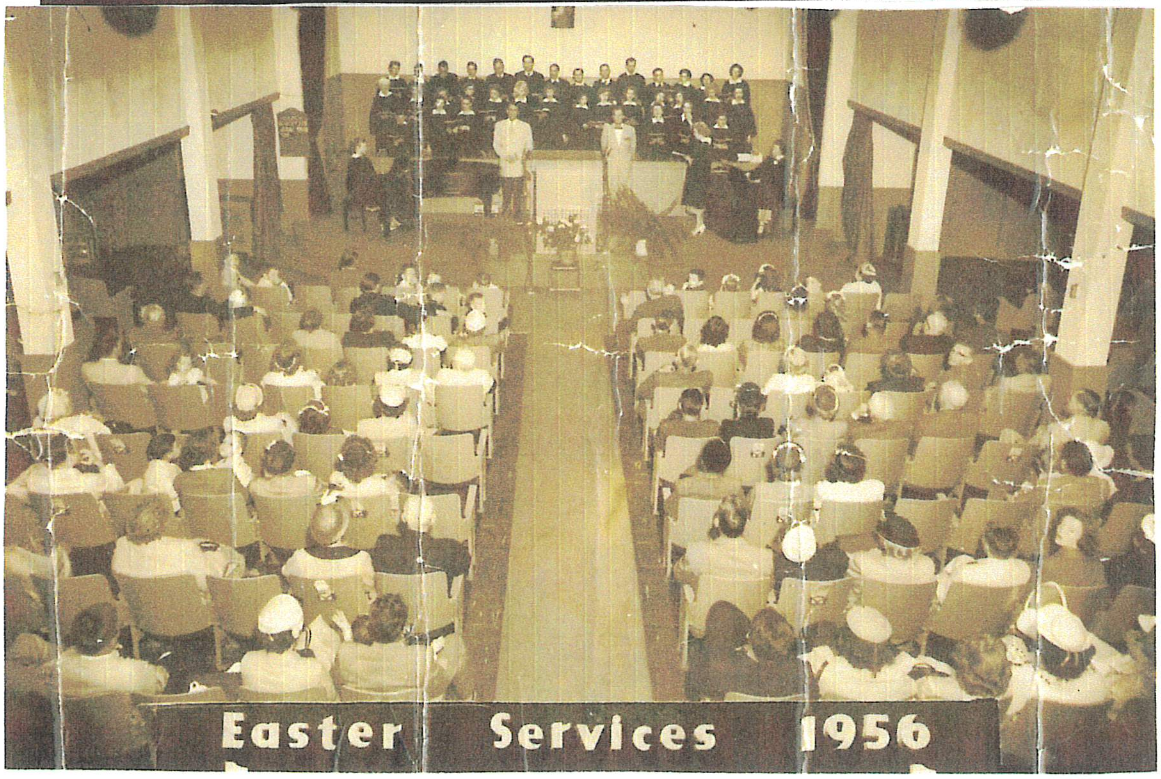
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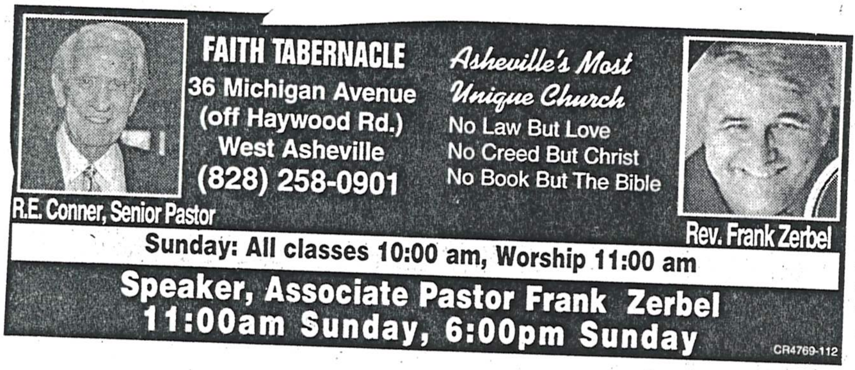

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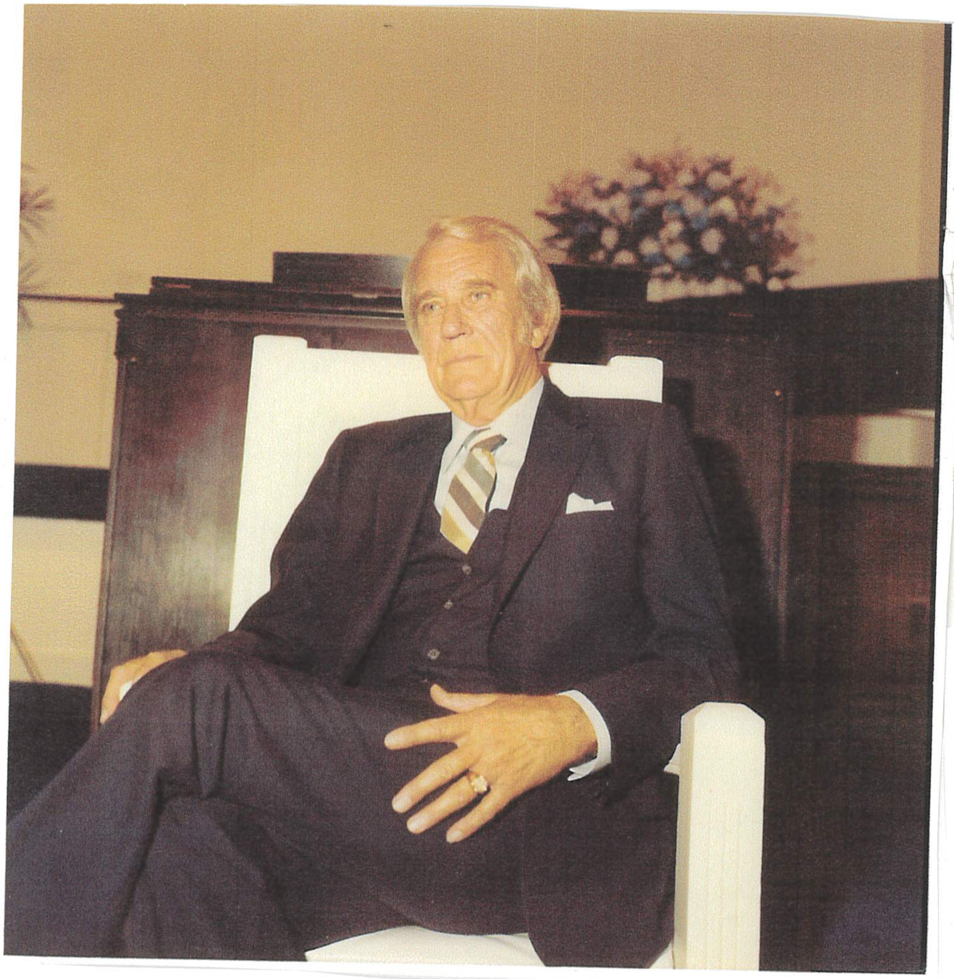

Rev. R. E. Conner
Pastor
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This fall, Dr. Phyllis Lang (UNCA, ret'd.) and Dr. Susan Reiser (Computer Science Department, UNCA), with the help of advanced computer science students, will be creating a CD-rom companion to a book about the history of West Asheville upon which we are currently at work. We are hoping to include brief historical information about all West Asheville churches on the CD-rom.

If your church would like to be included in this project, please complete the following information for us:

1. Name of Church: St. George's Episcopal Church
2. Address: 1 School Rd, Asheville, NC 28806
3. Date founded: January 15, 1950
4. Name of first pastor: Howard M. Hickey Photo? ________
5. Number in founding congregation: 13
6. Do you have available an early picture of your church building or a picture of an early congregation that we can copy?
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Your name: ________ Telephone: ________

If you have any questions, please call Millie Jones or Karen Loughmiller (numbers above). Thank you very much.

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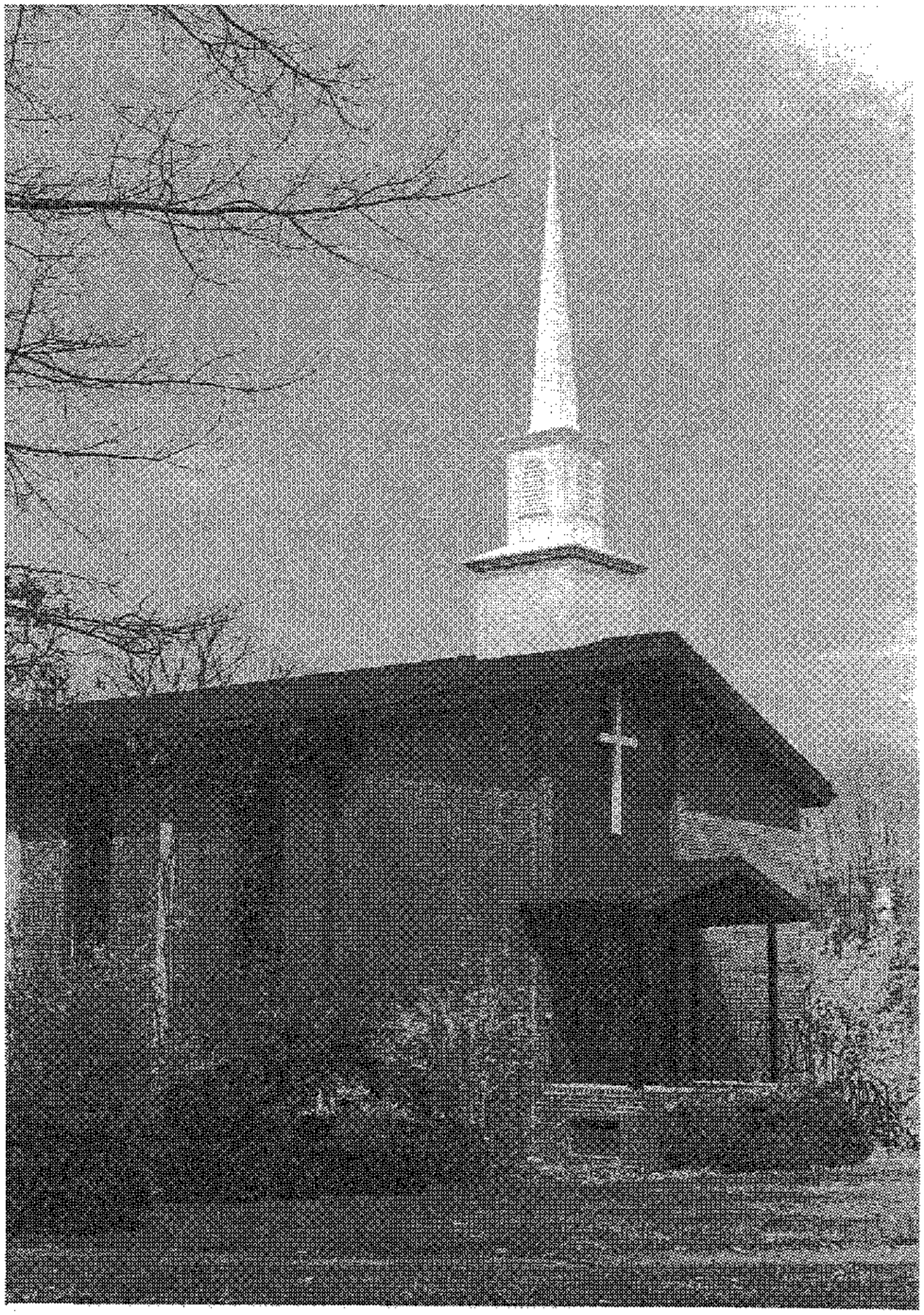

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Dedicated to Sue Brown
(1906-1995)
who kept numerous scrapbooks containing
St. George's history and gave them to the Church.

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PREFACE

A Definition of history as given in Webster's New World Dictionary, is that history is an account of what has happened - narrative—something important enough to be recorded.

When asked to consider writing a History of St. George's Episcopal Church earlier this year, I had been working with the West Asheville History Project for over a year under the Auspices of the Asheville Buncombe Library System. My colleague, Karen Loughmiller and I wrote a statement of purpose for the Project. I decided to draw upon that statement as a starting point for St. George's History.

To collect and preserve the history of St. George's as recalled by living members and recorded in documents and photographs.

This has meant reading and re-reading materials, searching through old photographs, and doing oral interviews with a cross-section of communicants of St. George's. Next was to focus on a time line of the fifty years the church has been in existence.

To focus the History required the telling of events which appeared to result in changes in the life of the church. This has resulted in having to leave out many events and many names of communicants who have been a part of St. George's. This has been a painful part of the process to me for I feel everyone who has entered the church as a seeker or to worship with us is important.

Finally, I cannot say that I have definitely been guided by One much greater than I, but I have certainly sought the guidance and sincerely pray that the people of St. George's Episcopal Church in West Asheville will truly know that their lives and the "Fifty Years In The Life of St. George's" are important enough to be recorded.

Millie Jones

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The Vestry of St. George's for their support and approval of the book along with voting to fund the printing and expenses involved...Thanks!

Thanks to the communicants of the church who have shared their memories with each other and me. History actually belongs to the people who have lived it and each part helps complete the whole.

Finally to Charles Emrick and the Biltmore Press personnel who have given us invaluable advice and have given it so graciously——Thanks.

MJ

THE EARLY YEARS 1950-1967

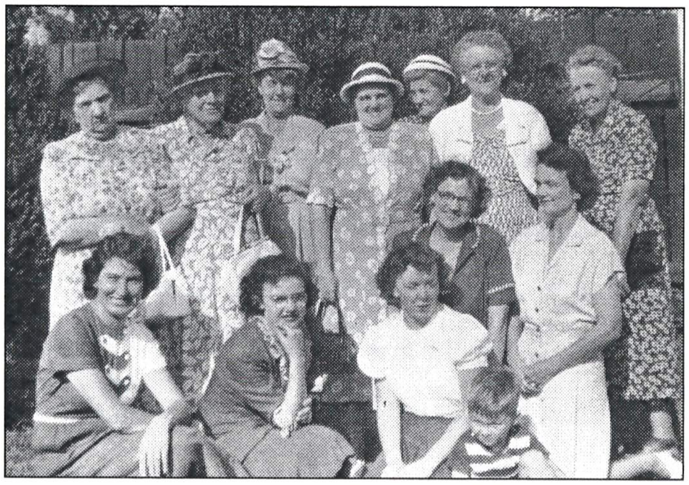
Getting Started with Hope and Joy

St. George's has been the only Episcopal Church in West Asheville for 50 years. It is the newest of the Ten Episcopal Churches in Buncombe County. The other churches in various parts of the city and county all were started before the First World War. They are Trinity, Downtown; All Souls' Cathedral, Biltmore; Grace, North Asheville; St. Mary's, Charlotte Street; Redeemer, Woodfin; St. Matthias, Downtown; St. Luke's, Chunns Cove; St. John's, Haw Creek; St. James', Black Mountain.

In 1949, the Rt. Rev. M. George Henry, newly elected Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Carolina, was riding through West Asheville. Upon hearing that there was no Episcopal Church in West Asheville, and after researching the need for one, he called a meeting to see if there were enough interested persons to organize one.

A second meeting was called and Robert L. Nahikian was elected as Senior Warden. In subsequent meetings the name St. George's was chosen in honor of Bishop M. George Henry. (Bishop Henry much preferred another name but finally agreed with the choice.)

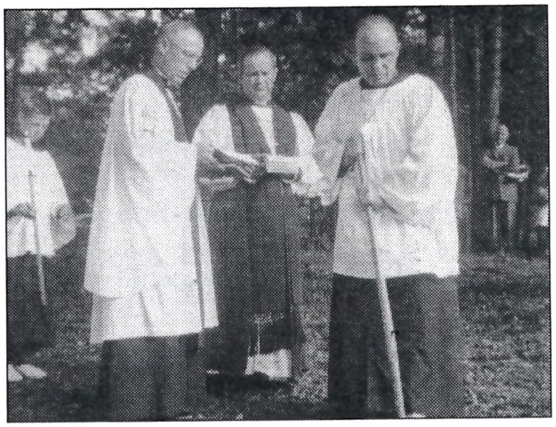
The women of this new mission met and organized a Women's Auxiliary (later called St. Margaret's) before the first Service was held. The organization of women in St. George's, now called the Episcopal Church Women (ECW), continues to be a strong stabilizing force in this congregation.



St. Margaret's Group, June 1951
Back Row: Mrs. Hessee, Miss Hattie Rollins, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Mostert, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Mallory and Miss Underwood
2nd Row: Mrs. Couch and Mrs. Brown
Front Row: Mrs. Groce, Miss Brown, Mrs. Slade

The first Service was held on January 15, 1950 at the American Legion Hall in West Asheville. There were 13 communicants at this time and 6 more were Confirmed on Easter Sunday, 1950. Much activity took place during the year 1950, including the purchase of

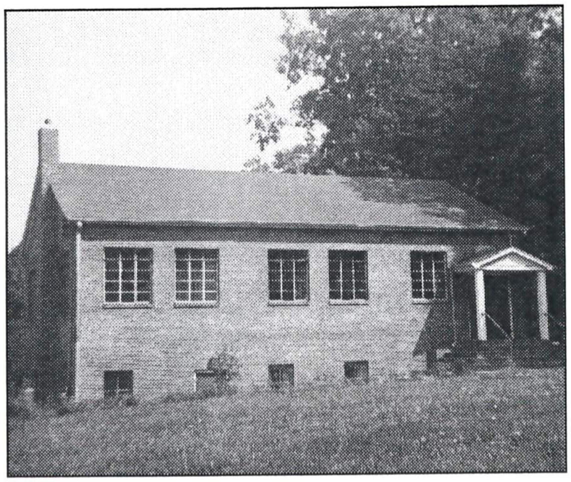
Ground Breaking – July 7, 1951



At the Ground Breaking, left to right: The Rev. Howard Hickey, Bishop Henry, Dan Wilder

a tract of land between School Road and Mimosa Road at Malvern Hills. On Saturday, July 7, 1951, the Ground Breaking for the new church was held. Janet Norman, daughter of Julia Fullam and a child at the time, remembers feeling a part of something wonderful.

During 1951, a Parish House was built at a cost of $15,000.00. A grant of $3,000.00 was given by the Diocesan Fund, a $3,000.00 loan from the bank and the rest was raised by members of St. George's. This building was two stories with the Church on the top floor and the Parish Hall on the bottom floor. It was always understood that this building would become the Parish Hall after the church building was completed. Membership was now up to 30 and a Rectory on Vermont Court was purchased in August, 1952.



Parish Hall, 1951

On February 1, 1951, Howard M. Hickey, a friend of Bishop Henry from Tarboro, NC who was a Presbyterian and Postulant for Holy Orders in the Episcopal Church, was appointed by Bishop Henry to be Lay Vicar and then Deacon-in-Charge (1951-1953). During this time he completed his private study, which was called "Reading for Orders." It is said that Mr. Hickey (who had not been ordained at the time) addressed the congregation before beginning his first Morning Prayer Service at St. George's with the statement "I'm scared to death, but I kicked the empty beer cans out of my way in the basement, stepped over some, and took a deep breath." He was loved by the congregation from then on. He continued his studies with four other men in the office of the Rev. Mr. Lee Urban at his home in Beaver Lake. They named their group the "Smokey Mountain Seminary" (they all smoked!) Howard was ordained Priest and appointed Priest-in-Charge in August 1953.

While in the Diocese and St. George's (1951-1958) Mr. Hickey was very active in the Diocese holding many responsible positions and dearly beloved as the founding pastor. He is remembered for his home visits and willingness to do whatever job was needed at the time, even to the picking up of the beer cans in the Legion Hall so that they could set up for Sunday Services. The worship style preferred by Bishop Henry and Howard Hickey was that of the Diocese of North Carolina from which they both came. It has been described as "Low Church" without any so-called "High Church or Romish" flourishes. Holy Communion was to be celebrated once a month and festivals, Morning Prayer and Sermon was the norm for other Sundays and vestments other than Cassock, Surplice and Tibbet or Stole were discouraged.

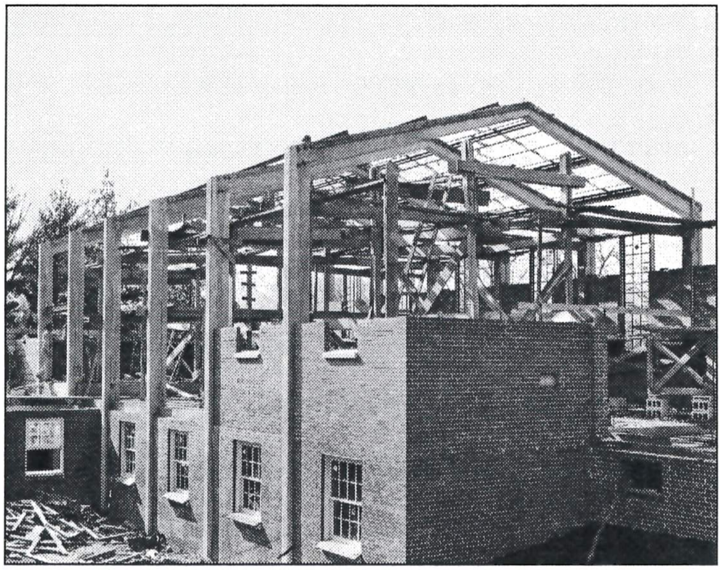
The people worked hard and did many maintenance jobs around the Church themselves. June Groce remembers that after the main Church was built the members felt the kitchen was too small so they were going to tear out the two bathrooms and build a larger kitchen. The idea was kicked around so long Ray West got aggravated and came out with a mallet and started beating on the walls. It made for a lot of laughs and the new kitchen was started.

From 1952 through 1957 many activities were begun. There was a Men's Club, a Men's Bible Class, The Brotherhood of St. Andrew, an Altar Guild, Volunteer choir and organist, 4 Women's Groups, a weekly newsletter, Acolyte Guild, nursery and a Vacation Bible School with 70 children.

During this time, many innovative ways to raise money for the building fund were initiated. One of these was the making of miniature aprons with tiny pockets which were given and mailed to friends and relatives asking a gift of a penny-per-inch of their waist size to be donated to St. George's Building Fund. In some way one of the aprons found its way to the then First

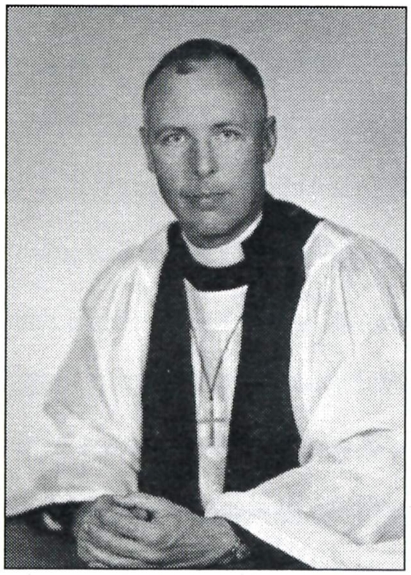
Lady of the United States, Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower. Mrs. Eisenhower returned the apron with a dollar in the pocket – which everyone was sure was much more than a penny-per-inch of her waist size.

Another popular fund-raiser was rummage sales. We chuckle over some of them. At one a lady named Daphne Shuford contributed a number of hats for sale. The following Sunday at least 10 of these hats adorned the heads of female communicants at St. George's.



Present church under construction, 1957

We also remember with reasonable pride, when for some reason one of St. George's communicants was recognized in the community. For example: Tillie Bassett won $4,000.00 for solving the Coinword Puzzle from the Asheville Citizen Times; Alma Boone won $600.00 for winning the Coinword Puzzle in August 1960; June Groce was pictured in the paper helping to welcome Mrs. Dan K. Moore at the Asheville-Hendersonville Airport when Mrs. Moore's husband was running for Governor of North Carolina.



The Rev. Howard M. Hickey

In 1957 the present church was built to seat 250 persons in the late 1950's contemporary A Frame style. The architect was Mr. Walker Toy of Graves and Toy in Charlotte, NC.

In 1958 Reverend Howard Hickey resigned as Priest-in-Charge to become Rector of a large church in Aiken, SC. Later Mr. Hickey lost most of his vision and was pronounced blind. His wife, Mellie, attended Seminary and was ordained a Priest in 1978. Some discussion arose at her ordination at St. Thaddeus Church in Aiken, SC. Mellie was the first female priest in the Carolinas and during the ceremony the Rev. Dennis R. Kuhn of St. Paul's Church, Savannah, Georgia interrupted with a strong objection to her ordination. Order was restored and the ordination completed.

The Reverend Kyle Boeger was appointed as Priest-in-Charge by Bishop Henry. Mr. Boeger came to St. George's from Laramie, Wyoming. He had been serving as Canon in St. Matthew's Cathedral. Mr. Boeger is remembered as a man of great faith. This faith was expressed in his daily life. Once, when his father died in Falls Church, Virginia and Mr. Boeger needed to travel to attend the funeral, a Vestry member visited him at his home to see if he needed money for the trip and discovered him packing and preparing to go. It turned out that he did not have the money for the trip but believed the money would be available in time for him to go.

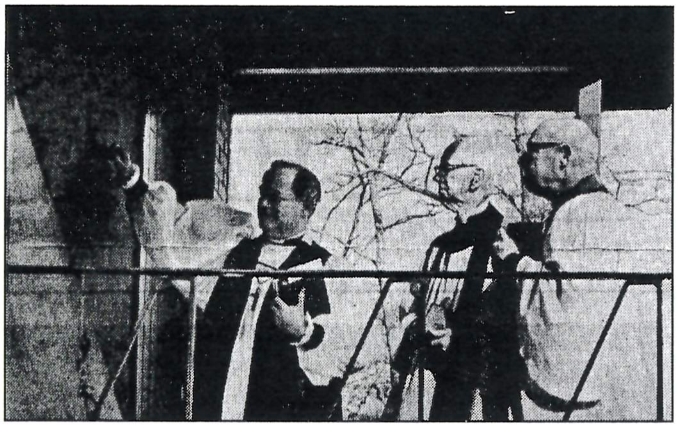
During the next three years St. George's continued to grow. In 1960 our 10th Anniversary found us with 160 members, 110 families, 250 Baptized Persons and a budget of $15,000. Mr. Boeger resigned March 12, 1961 to go to Lynchburg, Virginia. He now lives in Richmond, Virginia but because of a heart condition is unable to travel to Asheville for our 50th Year celebration in September, 2000.

The Rev. W. Ross "Pop" Baley was appointed in 1961 by the Bishop to be the next leader for this growing group of Episcopalians. Mr. Baley had been Dean of the Southern Convocation of the Diocese of West Virginia before coming to St. George's. During "Pop" Baley's time a Retirement Fund, know as the Glosser Fund, was made possible by funds left to the Church by two sisters, Anna M. and Elizabeth Glosser. This Fund was to be used exclusively for the support of elder members of the congregation. An Education Fund was formed from donations given in memory of Mark Ledford, a fine young boy who attended St. George's along with his parents, Tom and Marjorie Ledford. This fund could be used to help "youth with their education."

Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice, 1961

For Sports Fans! During these years Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice was inducted into the Football Hall of Fame in New York City. A celebration was held in Asheville in "Choo Choo's" honor with the Governor of North Carolina taking part and Reverend W. Ross Baley of St. George's giving the Invocation. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Justice, along with Mrs. Justice's mother (Thelma Wooster) were communicants of St. George's.

Memories of these years are full of images and incidents which bring smiles to our faces and warm feelings to our hearts. Ray West, who was our first 50th Anniversary Speaker in January 2000, spoke fondly about his memories of the High School Boys Sunday School class led by Lewis Green who taught many lessons about life in a somewhat rough plain-folks way. Mr. West felt these lessons were of help in providing security and strength during his dramatic career in the Navy. Reverend "Pop" Baley entered the ministry as a second vocation and was known for his strong leadership and warm personality. He was transferred to Spruce Pine in 1964 and died shortly thereafter.


The consecration of St. George's Church, left to right: Bishop Henry, the Rev. N.C. Duncan, the Rev. W. Ross Baley

The Rev. P. Robert Bailey was appointed Vicar or Priest-in-Charge by Bishop Henry in 1965. He formerly served in Gainesville, Georgia in the Diocese of Atlanta. He served for one year and left to go to Morrow, Georgia. Between his departure and the arrival of The Rev. Victor McGuire, St. George's was served by Supply Priests. In January 1967 the Church was consecrated and became a Parish.

Left to right: John Groce, Bishop Henry, Thomas Kast, The Rev. Victor McGuire, and Phillip Redmon

The Middle Years 1967-1990

Great Growth, Deep Pain and Many Losses

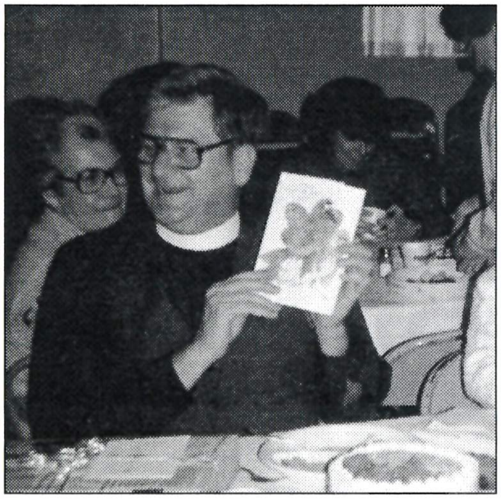
In January 1967 a call was issued by the Vestry to The Rev. Victor McGuire. He began his ministry at St. George's on February 1st. Father McGuire was the first priest called by the Vestry and first Rector. Father McGuire went from this Diocese to the Seminary at The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee (where his wife Ann was Baptized by Bishop Henry after a surprise visit by the Bishop one morning). Father McGuire served several small congregations in Cullowhee, Sylva and Cherokee before coming to St. George's. His strong interest in the healing ministry began with his father and was nurtured during his years at Sewanee. During his time with us the parish continued to grow. The previous rectory had been sold and the McGuire's purchased their home in 1967 at 253 Shelbourne Rd where Fr. McGuire still lives, with his daughter Martha and her husband. Outreach to the community included use of the Parish Hall and the Miller Room by Alcoholics Anonymous and Alanon. Within the church a Faith Alive Weekend, one of the early Renewal Movements in the Church, created a deepening of the spiritual lives of many of the parishioners. From this experience, a prayer group began to meet weekly and the healing ministry of the church was emphasized. The Wednesday Morning Healing Service and Communion was the first such Service offered in Asheville by an Episcopal Church and was advertised in the Paper and Phone Book.

When it was North Carolina Day at the National Cathedral the Diocese of Western North Carolina was to furnish the choir under the direction of Marilyn Kiser. St. George's had a large choir under the direction of John Russell, including June Groce, Janet and Claude Norman, Julia Fullam, Millie Jones, Olive McFee, Mr. and Mrs. Mostert, Margaret Reed, Carl Swan and Joy Vick. With Janet and Claude Norman's hard work and planning we raised the money and chartered a Greyhound bus to take us to Washington, DC. We boarded the bus early on Friday with coolers and all kinds of food and drinks. When we decided it was time to open the champagne Carl Swan tried to open one and it blew up all over him. Needless to say he rode to Washington in wet clothes.

In 1975 the 25th Anniversary of the Church was held with little special notice. Bishop Henry died suddenly on a Wednesday in Lent in 1975 and the Bishop Coadjutor William G. Weinhauer became Bishop. The Memorial Garden was begun and the Church Bell and Tower were dedicated in memory of the families of Guy and Alyce Plamondon.

In 1976 and 1977 Church life continued with bazaars, weddings, Bishop's Visits, but some struggles with Vestry Meetings becoming quite argumentative and long (apparently due to power and control issues between some laymen and the Rector.) In 1977 Fr. McGuire had a heart attack while delivering the sermon and later that year had open-heart surgery. He continued as Rector at St. George's until he resigned and accepted a call to St. Andrew's, Canton in 1978. In August 2000 Fr. McGuire was made Rector Emeritus by the Vestry.

After Father McGuire left, two members of the congregation who were priests working in secular employment, Eric Kast and John Ling, were able to help us keep our Services going during the rest of 1978 and until August, 1979.



The Rev. Charles S. Cherry, 1986

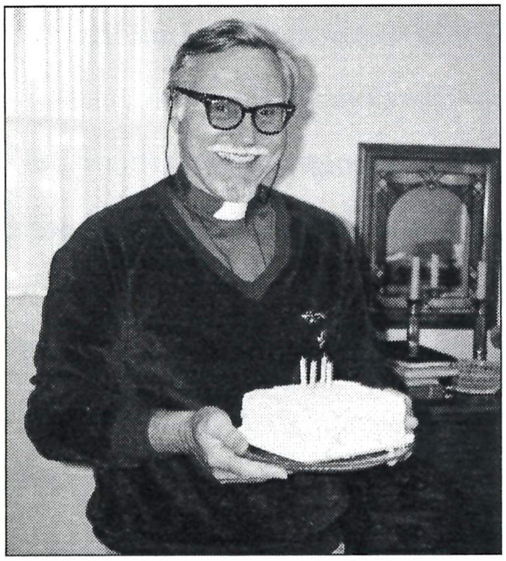
On August 26, 1979, the Reverend Charles S. Cherry accepted a call and became the second Rector to be called by the Vestry of St. George's. In the Fall we participated in the Michaelmas Festival at In-The-Oaks, Black Mountain. In 1980 another Faith Alive Weekend was held and Cursillo, another Renewal Movement in the Church, had its first weekend in which some of St. George's people participated. During Father Cherry's ministry among us the emerging "Charismatic" or "pentecostal" tradition that was wide spread in the Episcopal Church was introduced to the strengthening of many, including a number of people who came to St. George's because of this style of worship. One of those persons, Warren Woolsey, developed the newsletter called "By George" at this time and it continues to this day. The investments in the Retirement Fund were managed wisely by him and have been able to grow significantly since then.

In 1982 one Sunday morning a red haired lady appeared at St. George's because she had read that we had a Healing Service. K. Murray Scott became quite active in the parish and the healing ministry and was the first woman from St. George's to go to Seminary. She went to the Trinity School for Ministry near Pittsburgh, PA and was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate. At 93 she continues with the healing ministry at the Wednesday Morning Service.

Rev. K. Murray Scott, 1986

The focus in 1984 seems to have been more on participation in Diocesan meetings and Outreach to the community through The Asheville-Buncombe-Cooperative-Christian Ministry (ABCCM) and Deerfield (our Diocesan Retirement Community) and helping to provide Christmas dinner for the lonely in West Asheville. Indeed, St. George's was among the initial Asheville churches that established ABCCM around this time.

A committee appointed by the Vestry completed a set of Canons for St. George's in September 1985. These were accepted and the process of making them workable was begun. In late 1985 the acrimonious Vestry meetings continued. Father Cherry resigned under pressure and accepted a call to two churches one in Minnesota and one in North Dakota.



The Rev. William Paul Austin, Birthday, 1988

We persevered in our search for a priest throughout 1986 and 1987. Fr. Eric Kast and Fr. Bancroft Smith, a retired priest living at Deerfield, served as supply priests.

In November 1987 The Reverend William Paul Austin accepted a call from the Vestry. Father Austin introduced Eastern Orthodox traditions of the Church and was known as a student of Greek and a grower of exotic flowers and plants. While Father Austin was Rector we participated in a Pentecost Celebration which included a parade along with other churches in West Asheville. We remember the Blessing of Animals held on St. Francis' Day in the Memorial Garden. A class in Greek was begun. A special St. Sergius Sunday was held with Sefton Abbot as speaker. St. George's choir participated in the Harrison Shaw preaching mission at Trinity United Methodist Church. Many other special events were held along with all the Services of the Church. One of these was a Community Thanksgiving Service held at St. George's in 1988. The Thrift Shop was begun under the leadership of Reva Redmon. An arts and crafts fair was held. Ron Lambe came as Organist, following the resignation of Raina Wood who left to continue her education, and he remained until August of 1999.

In spite of so many activities and the enthusiasm of many, the church did not grow. The previous tradition of two Services on a Sunday was reduced to one at 9:30. This compromise, initially satisfying to no one, is now well received. Perhaps this excerpt from an article in the "By George," written by Father Clem Gunn in 1993 entitled "Where is St. George's in its Life Journey?" will shed some light on this difficult time.

> Between 1983 and 1989 according to the Parochial Reports made to the Diocese each year, something happened. The number of communicants, the people attending church services and Sunday School and the parish's annual income went down. Numbers and attendance dropped 20-25% (from 110 to 83 communicants and attendance from 76 to 57 on the four reported Sundays). The Church School was almost non-existent for a while and income went down 11%. St. George's changed from a very healthy parish to one that wasn't quite on the verge of struggling for continued existence but was getting closer. As I understand it, the next several years were a controversial time within the congregation, probably aggravated by the frustrations of considering various opinions about the right kind of attempts and ideas of how to get off the plateau St. George's was on and start growing again.

In 1989 The Rt. Rev. Robert H. Johnson became Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese and became Bishop upon the Retirement of Bishop Weinhauer in 1990. In 1990 Bishop Johnson was asked to intervene at St. George's because of low morale, many bills and very limited funds available. Father Austin, responding to encouragement, took early retirement. The Diocese covered outstanding bills. The Reverend Clem O. Gunn came for a "short time" as Priest-in-Charge, but stayed 8 years.

Fr. Clem O. Gunn and Lucy Gunn, 1991

The Present Time 1991 – 2000 and beyond

Getting Up and Moving On

Father Gunn was hired by the Vestry at a half-time salary. He and his wife Lucy jumped in with enthusiasm and both worked more than full time with great joy and delight. He had been an engineer and took early retirement, went to the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, MA in his 50's, was ordained and served in Newfoundland, Canada and retired to Hendersonville. During Father Gunn's ministry there were many changes in our buildings and grounds, Service format, Church School, and use of the facilities.

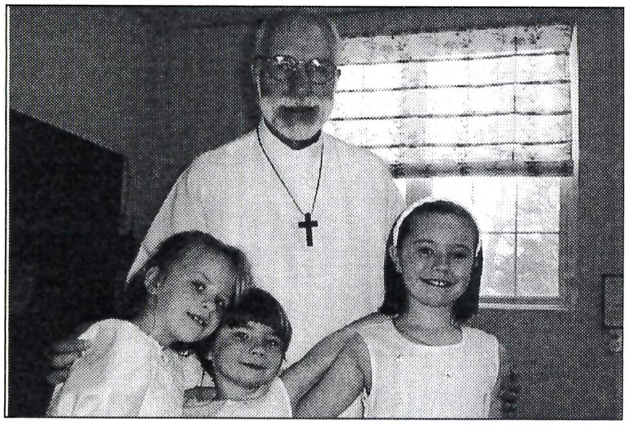
The first dramatic change was to upgrade the lighting in the Church so that the beautiful building and the Service Books could be easily seen. Then ceiling fans and the construction of the Narthex (front Entrance Hall) and the establishment of the Columbarium (for the interment of ashes) and the Columbarium chapel were installed. This small chapel contains the original altar and baptismal font (now for holy water) that had been hidden away since the church was built. Finally the new steeple arrived.

The grounds were brought back into order. The Montessori Learning Center (MLS), a highly respected Montessori Day School for children 2 and a half to 7, was invited to use most of the rooms downstairs in the Parish Hall and share some of the space upstairs. Ruth and Ethel Tandy,

Monthly Dinner, September 1991

former communicants, left a sizable bequest of money and property to St. George's in their will. The Tandy Bequest enabled the extensive renovation of the Parish Hall, with the Montessori Learning Center being completely downstairs. The main level of the Parish Hall was now available for use by the parish and other groups. A new kitchen and toilet (with tile floors and ceiling fans in Hall and Offices) were installed. A stairwell downstairs was closed. As the last step, the hardwood floors were refinished. Each new change was greeted with caution by many but later rejoiced in by all. Both Lucy, who took a keen interest in the girls' Sunday Church School and the ECW, and Clem, because of his strong leadership and wise counsel in the various aspects of the renovation, were dearly loved. He retired (again) in 1998 at age 76.

In May 1998 The Reverend Harry Arthur Woggon and his wife Genelda responded to a call from the Vestry to a joint ministry as Priest-in-Charge and Lay Associate, each funded one-quarter time (50 hours per month, each). Part of the salary available was added to some funds available for a secretary and the part-time position of Parish Administrator was established. This enabled St. George's to hire Bridget Dellinger as first time resident administrative staff person who does secretarial and bookkeeping work and is in the Office Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to Noon. Bridget with her warm and open approach to all is a great asset to St. George's Church. Jason Jones, a music student from Mars Hill College, joined us as Organist in September 1999. Genelda is working closely with the MLS. She has established the Catechesis


In front: Virginia Todd, Bryn Peterson, and Hope Peterson. In back: Fr. Harry A. Woggon

In front: Virginia Todd, Bryn Peterson, a friend, Hope Peterson. In back: Genelda Woggon

of the Good Shepherd, a Montessori based Christian Formation program for Children ages two and one-half to twelve and is developing parish liaisons to diocesan work with youth and encouragement of active participation in camps and conferences for all our youth. She has developed an Evening ECW Woman's Spirituality Group that is designed for all women, but specifically for those who are in public work. Harry is bringing our worship within normal national guidelines and has introduced an informal Bible Study at the Wednesday Healing Service and Eucharist. Healing is available each Sunday at the Columbarium chapel at the time of receiving of Communion.

As this is being written an "exploratory period of six months" is being undertaken by all of the Asheville area Episcopal Churches, together with some other Christian churches, to see if a ministry to the growing Hispanic community in our area may be developed. St. George's has offered office space and use of our facilities for this exploratory period. The intentional design of Harry and Genelda Woggon is to encourage the members of the congregation to take responsibility for their part of the work and ministry of and through this parish and not rely on the clergy and professional staff to do it all for them.

We are very grateful for the ministry of Father Harry and Genelda Woggon. We feel that they have shown great faith in accepting this responsibility, both in God and in our future.

Facts, dates, words (no matter how important) can never fully reveal the Ultimate Reality in which we "live and move and have our being." This Ultimate Reality, whom we call God, has always been present at St. George's, fashioning and growing our lives (gracefully with our cooperation and painfully when we resist). We must move into the future seeking to cooperate with this Living Spirit for this Spirit gives to each of us our Life and as St. George's family we live this life collectively.

Afterword

We are deeply indebted to Millie Jones who gathered this material from various sources to prepare this brief history of the First Fifty Years of St. George's Church, the Episcopal Church for the West Asheville, Enka/Candler, Leicester areas of Asheville. With many humorous and poignant stories, as well as acknowledgment of the deep pain in this congregation she aptly captures the spirit and life of St. George's. This work is part of the ongoing healing and cleansing of this congregation and her buildings as they move into the 21st Century.

During this 50th Anniversary year we have prayed weekly the following collect:

> Almighty and everlasting God, gracious ruler in all Heaven and on Earth,
> we thank you for this family of ST. GEORGE'S, ASHEVILLE, who now
> celebrate our Fiftieth Anniversary Year: Fill us with your truth and peace.
> Where we are corrupt, purify us; where we are in error, direct us; where
> we are in any things amiss, reform us. Where we are right, strengthen us;
> where we are in want, provide for us; where we are divided, reunite us;
> in and through the power of the Holy Spirit and for the sake of Jesus Christ,
> our Savior. AMEN. (Adapted from Prayer 7, p. 866 BCP)

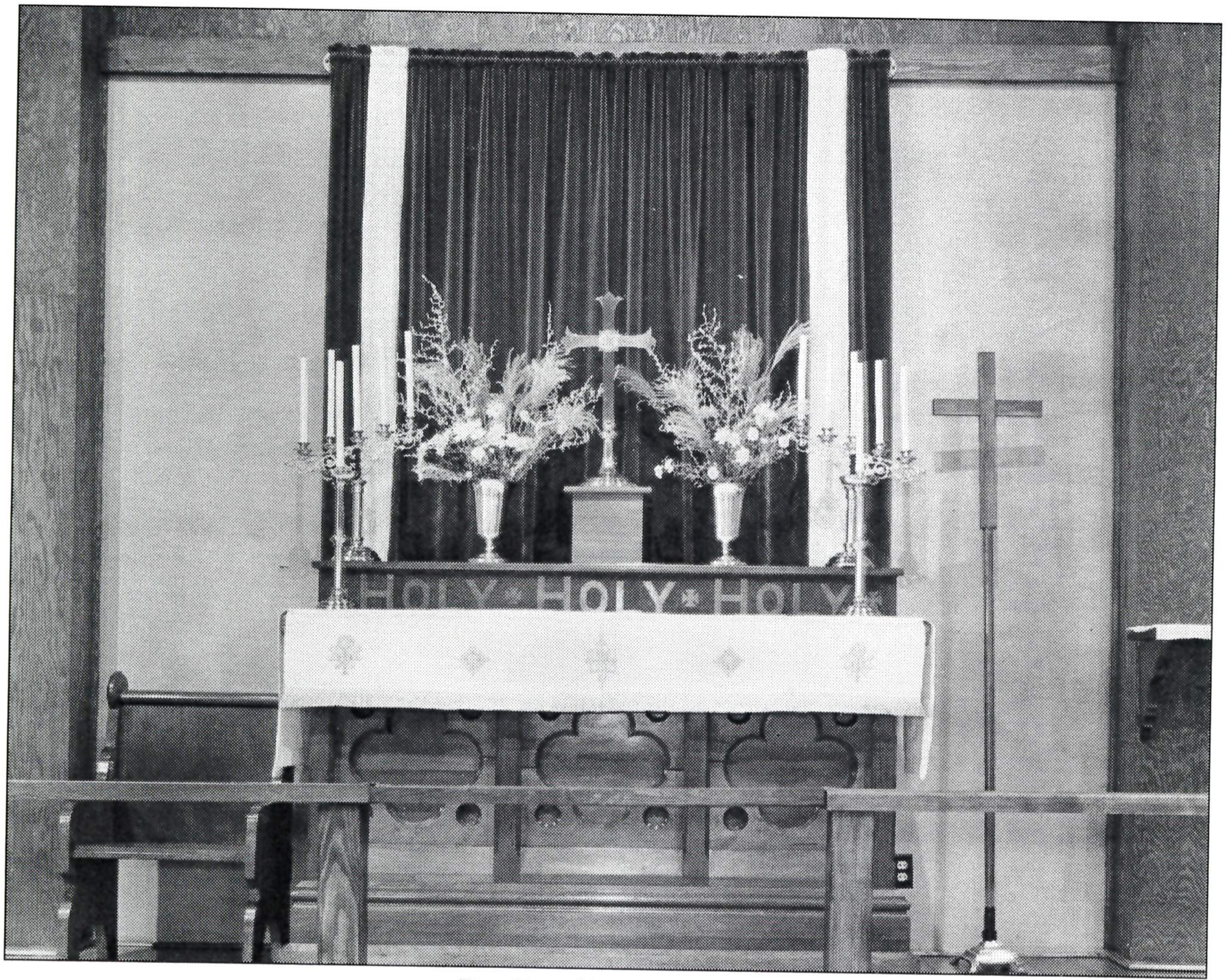
We have heard from the following former members of this congregation: Mr. Ray West and Mrs. Janet Scruggs Norman from the earliest days of this congregation. Continuing and present members have been June Groce, the Mother and Grandmother of this parish and Millie Jones, our Choir Director who presented an early draft of this work. In June the Rt. Rev. William Folwell spoke on behalf of the Hispanic Ministry committee of the Diocese about the present and future plans for work among the increasing Hispanic community in our area. He encouraged St. George's, and the other Asheville Area Episcopal Churches (together with some other Christian congregations) to seriously consider this ministry to new residents in our community. On September 24, 2000 will be the final celebration of this 50th Anniversary Year. This brief history will be distributed at a festive midday dinner to which all present and former members, together with clergy who have previously served here, will be invited. This will follow the Annual Visitation of our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Robert H. Johnson, for Confirmation, Renewal of Baptismal Vows and Holy Eucharist.

— The Reverend Harry Arthur Woggon, Priest-in-Charge

Left to Right, Tommy LaFontaine and
Ron Lambe, 1999

Victoria Smith and
"Youth Players", 1999

Genelda Woggon on the right with
Youth Christmas Pageant, 1998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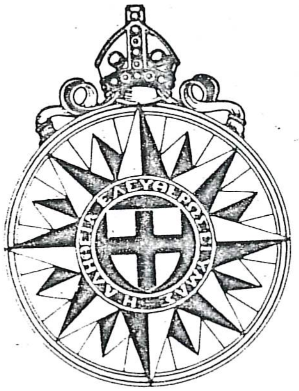
First Altar of St. George's, 1954



The symbol of the Anglican Communion is called Compasrose, and was designed by the Canon Sacrist of New York's cathedral church for the Anglican Congress of 1954. Circular in design (catholic—embracing the world) and surmounted by a mitre (apostolic), it incorporates the Cross of St. George (the patron saint of England, from whence grew the several Churches which compose the Anglican Communion), the points of the compass (the missionary nature of the Church—"go ye into all the world"), and, in Greek, St. John 8:32, "The truth shall make you free." Compasrose is also the telegraphic address of 21, Chester Street, London, S.W. 1, England, where the Anglican Executive Officer lives and works.

From the (London) *Church Times*

Trinity Parish
Asheville, North Carolina

JOHN WALTER TUTON, RECTOR

February 3, 1966

The Reverend P. Roberts Bailey, Rector
St. George's Episcopal Church
Asheville, North Carolina

Dear Bob:

It is with real pleasure that I attach herewith a check in the amount of $1,000 which represents a gift from a donor who prefers to remain anonymous and is for the purpose of reducing the indebtedness on St. George's Church. I don't expect that this gift will be repeated but it might at least be of some help in your debt situation even though your debt situation is now, I think, very much under control and for this we all rejoice.

I hope very much that the newest parish in the Diocese may go from strength to strength and I somehow have the feeling that this will almost inevitably occur as your ministry continues there for what I hope is a long time to come.

With very warm regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

JOHN W. TUTON

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cc: The Treasurer
St. George's Episcopal Church
Asheville, North Carolina

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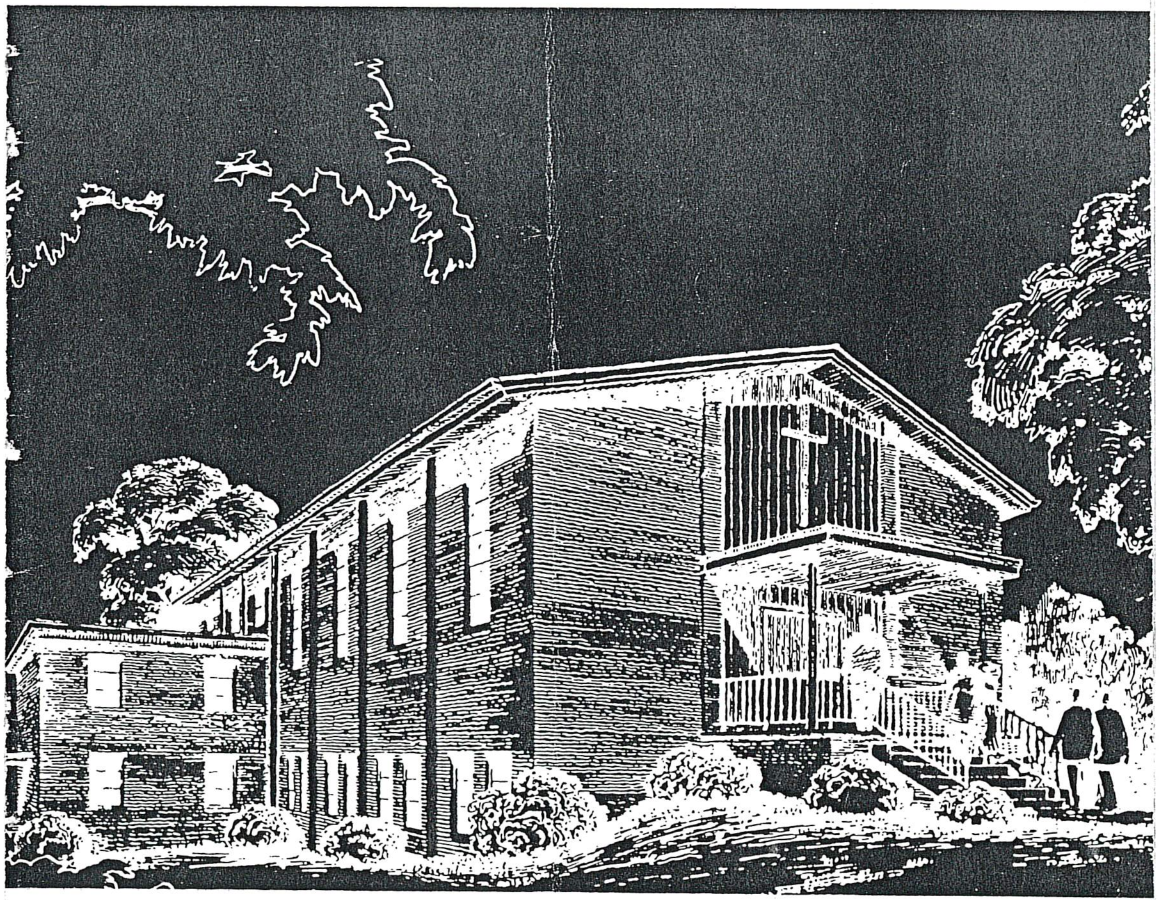

Proposed New Building
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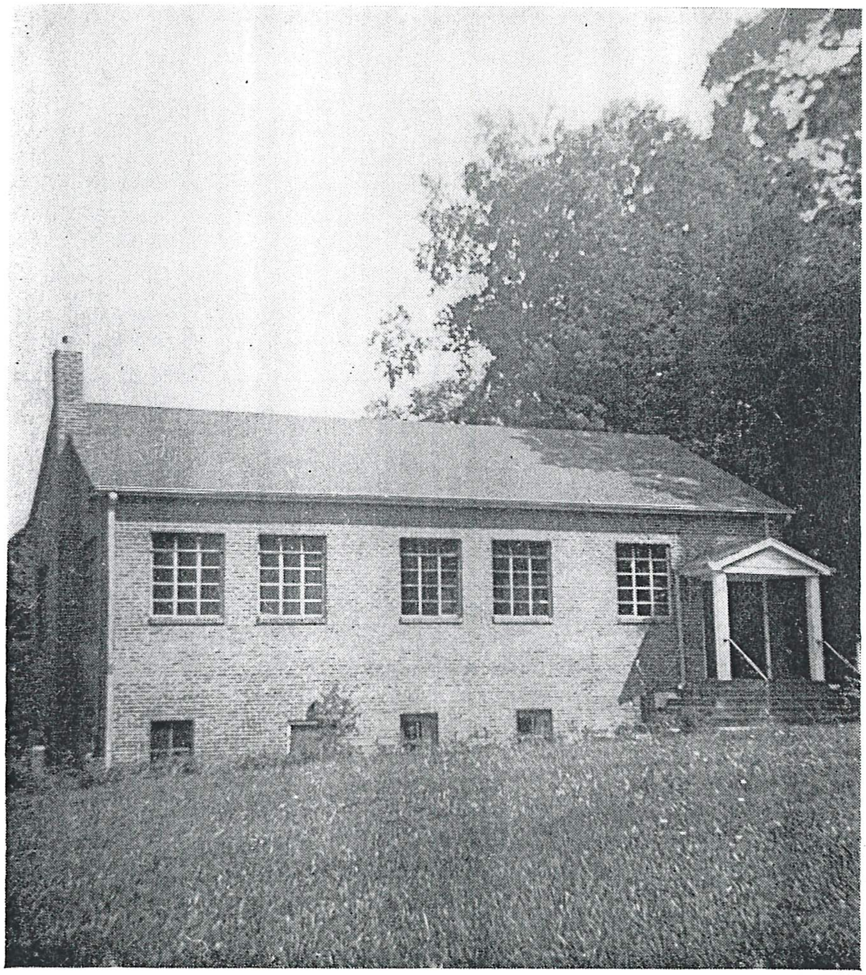

St. George's: Four Years of Steady Growth

The Official Publication of the Diocese of Western North Carolina

Cover Story

1954

St. George Envisions New Church After Four Years Of Steady Growth

(Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of articles dealing with missions and their success as an indication of the opportunities in Western North Carolina and as a report to church people generally on results obtained when a venture is properly supported. Others in the series will include St. Luke's, Boone; Church of the Transfiguration, Bat Cave; the Sylva-Cherokee area and Grace Memorial, Asheville.)

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In four years St. George's Church in West Asheville has grown from a group meeting in the American Legion Hall to a congregation of 130 which envisions a $75,000 church building to add to its parish house and rectory properties.

On a Diocesan investment of $5,000 the mission has increased its capital value to $37,000.

A building committee is now in the process of inspecting other church buildings and surveying the overall needs of the congregation prior to consulting an architect on the final building plans.

One of the most outstanding missions of the Diocese, St. George's history, while brief, is illustrious.

St. George's really began late in 1949 when the newly-consecrated Bishop Henry started on a tour of the western part of the Diocese and got as far as West Asheville. He asked where the Episcopal Church was and was told there was no church there.

The Bishop immediately returned to his office where he studied population figures and saw the need for work in West Asheville as soon as possible.

Following his decision a meeting was called for all interested persons in one of the schools in West Asheville. The Bishop felt that enough interest was shown and a second meeting was held and R. L. Nahikian was elected warden. It was at this meeting that the name of St. George's Church was chosen.

The American Legion hall was rented for Sunday services and on January 15, 1950 the first service was held, a celebration of the Holy Communion with Bishop Henry as celebrant. A makeshift Altar was used and boards placed between two chairs served as the Altar rail.

The Bishop often held services and lay readers filled in on other Sundays. There were at this time 13 communicants. Six more were confirmed on Easter Sunday, 1950. S.M.B.

On February 1, 1951 the Rev. Howard M. Hickey, then a lay reader and Postulant for Holy Orders, became a full-time worker.

Meanwhile a lot in Malvern Hills had been purchased for $1,500. The Diocese made the down payment of $500. This debt was cleared last month.

Confirmation and transfers had brought the membership to 30 and it was decided to build a parish house which could be used for services.

The women had bridge parties, rummage and cake sales and bazaars and the men solicited funds and worked and gave to raise money.

A total of $6,000 had been raised when the Bishop proposed that the congregation raise $3,000 more and he would make $3,000 in Diocesan funds available. The congregation raised this in 30 days.

Ground was broken for the building on July 7, 1951 and construction started on August 1. The men of the church and the minister did much of the work on the building which cut expenses considerably. However, the congregation was forced to borrow $3,000 more to finish the work. This was paid in full on January 15, 1954.

In August, 1952, $2,500 was paid on a rectory. Of this amount the Diocese paid $1,500.

Report of the Building Fund Committee
# of the Mission Board

The Building Fund Committee was appointed to review the progress made to date and to formulate plans to present to the congregation in the matter of building additional facilities on the church property.

St. Georges' Mission was organized by Bishop Henry and the first service was held on January 15th, 1950 in the American Legion Hall in West Asheville. The first property was acquired later during that year by the pruchase of a tract of land adjoining School Road and Mimosa Road. This property cost approximately $1,500.00 and is now paid for in full.

During the year 1951 a Parish House was erected at a cost of $15,000.00. The funds for this purpose were realized by a grant of $3,000.00 from the Diocesan Fund, Borrowing $3,000.00 from a bank and the balance raised by the member's of St. Georges' Mission. This bank loan has now been paid in full and the property is free of any indebtedness.

The next property purchased was the rectory at #24 Vermont Court in 1952 at a cost of $9,500.00 A cash payment of $2,500.00 was made which included a grant from the Diocesan Fund of $1,500.00. An indebtedness of approximately $5,000.00 is now outstanding on this property which is being carried by monthly payments.

In January 1955, an additional strip of land adjoining the School Road and Mimosa Road property was purchased for $1,000.00 and payment was made in full out of church funds.

The above is a brief outline of the properties owned and how acquired by St. Georges' Mission.

Due to the rapid growth of the membership and the pressing need of additional Sunday School facilities the Mission Board appointed a Planning Committee in September, 1953, to make a study of the needs of the church as to additional buildings. From the report of this study a Building Committee was appointed and following their report, the Mission Board employed the architectural firm of Graves and Toy in Charlotte to prepare plans and specifications for the erection of a church with Sunday School rooms in the basement. The church to face School Road and parallel Mimosa Road and be of contemporary design.

After further conferences with the architects it was agreed that a church building having a seating capacity of 225 and basement for Sunday School rooms would cost more money than could be raised in a short period of time. It was agreed that this building could be erected for approximately $45,000.00 but would not be completed. It would however be suitably finished for church services and a portion of the basement usable at once for Sunday School classes.

The building fund at present contains $2,500.00. There will be available by June 1st, a diocesan grant of $5,000.00, plus a loan from the diocesan fund of $25,000.00. These amounts total $32,500.00, making the amount necessary to be raised by the members of St. Georges' Mission, $15,000.00. The additional $2,500.00 to be used to cover the architect's fee and miscellaneous expenses. The loan of $25,000.00 is for a period of fifteen years and carries interest charges of two per cent.

This committee is advised by the architects that the preliminary plans will be finished by the middle of May. If these plans are approved as to arrangement and design promptly, it is hoped that the final plans and specifications will be completed by July 30th, This should enable actual construction of the building to start around October 1st, 1955.

There are at present 150 adult communicants and it is felt that donations and pledges should be made on this basis to raise the desired $15,000.00. By simple arithmetic this shows that it would take approximately $100.00 from each communicant to raise this fund. Realizing that this can not be done by many members everyone is urged to give all that they possible can.

The committee has set May 1st, as the date for all donation or pledge cards to be returned to the chairman of the Building Fund. Final payment of all pledges must be made not later than September 1st.

Speackers will review and answer questions on this report at the St. Margaret's Group on Thursday, April 7th; St. Mary's Group on Monday, April 11th; the Memorial Sunday School Class and the Men's Club on Thursday, April 14th. Bishop Henry will be the guest speaker at the Covered Dish Supper and Congregational meeting on April 20th. Everyone is requested to be present.

This committee for your information has been advised that a local bank will make personal loans, guaranteed by the church, of $120.00, payable $5.00 per month over a two year period, which nets $105.60 cash to the Building Fund. This is only offered as a suggestion.

Please feel free to ask your speaker or any member of this committee for further explaination of any part of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Brown

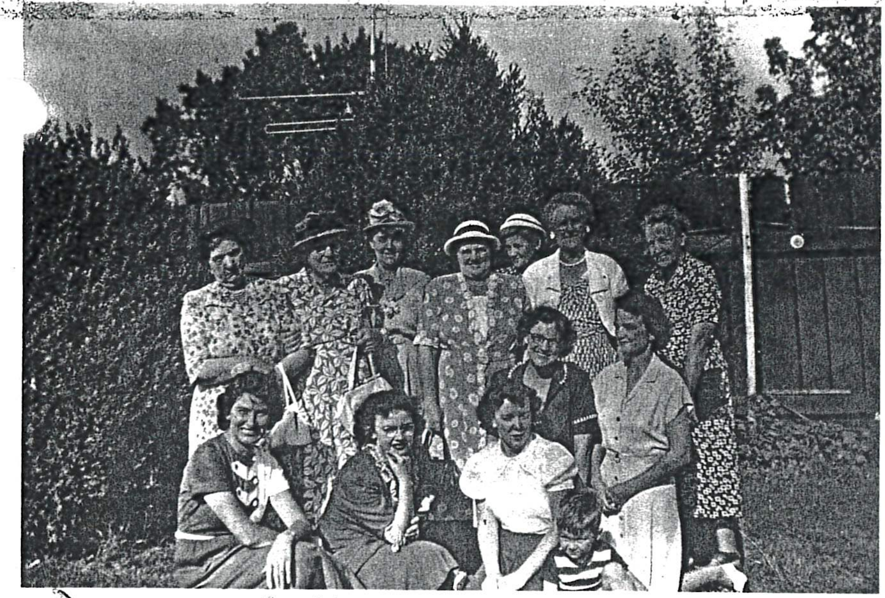
Rufus C. Orr

Dr. Charles Patton, jr.

Robert L. Nahikian

Gerrit Spaanbroek

John P. Brown



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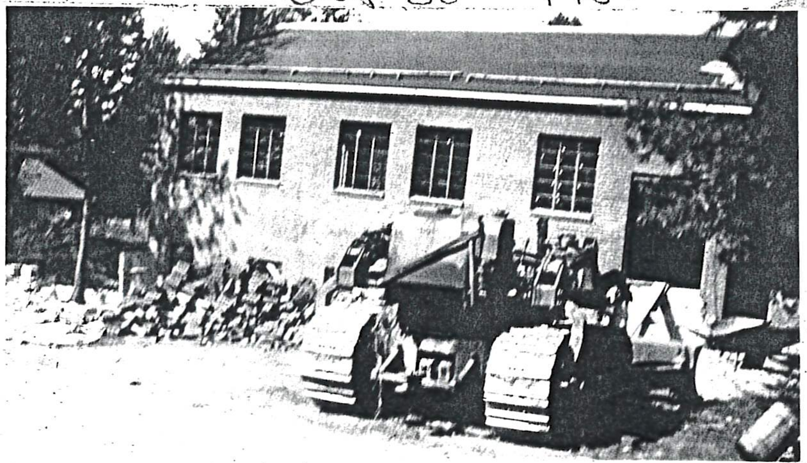

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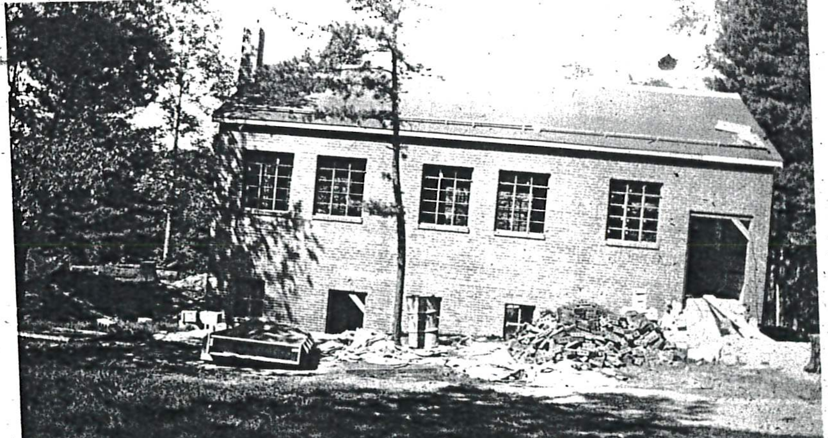

Taken by Mr Anderson

The Right Rev. M. George Henry (Jan. 15 1950) conducted the first service of a new congregation in the Diocese which was in West Asheville -

It was named St. George's Episcopal Church as an honor to our Bishop.

Mission Services were held in the Am. Legion Hall - Retired ministers + lay readers conducting

August 6th 1952 Howard Hickey was ordained a Deacon after 1 1/2 years of being a licensed layreader.

1952 a lot was bought in Malvern Hills & a Parish Hall was erected to serve as a temporary Church.

A Rectory was purchased in West Asheville which the Hickey family occupied.

August 6, 1953 Rev. Howard Hickey was ordained a Priest.

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July 1956: : a ground breaking ceremony for the Building of the Church was held.

1958 The Rev. Howard Hailey had resigned as Vicar ——

1958. The Rev. E. Kyle Boeger became Vicar of St. L.

(Boger left date?)

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The Retirement committee was formed –

The Rev. P. Robert Bailey? came date??

The Church was consecrated as a Parish date?

The Rev. B. Robert Baily left date?

The Rev. Victor Mc Guire Date:

The Rev. Charles Chavy date?

The Rev. William Paul Austin

1987: (The Rev. Eric Kast. +
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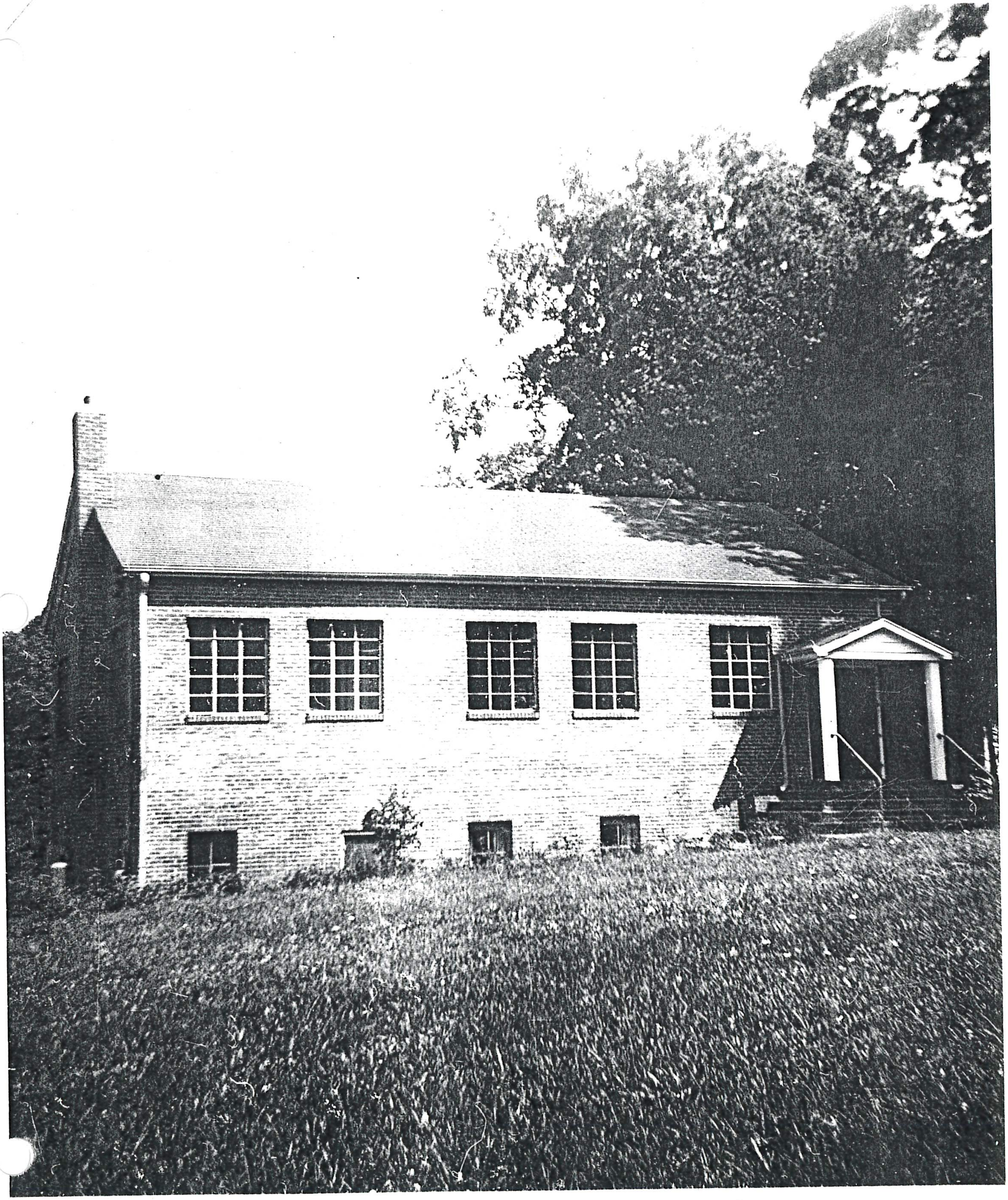
Parish Hall — St George's Episcopal church
1 School Rd. — Malvern Hills



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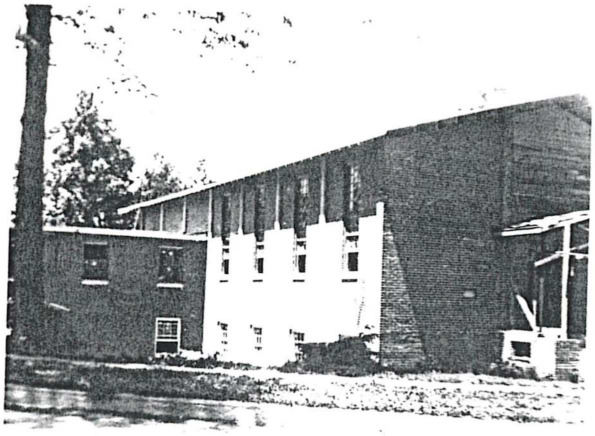

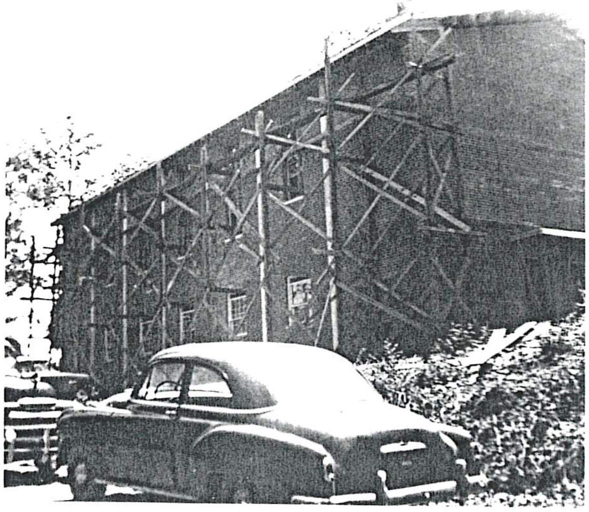

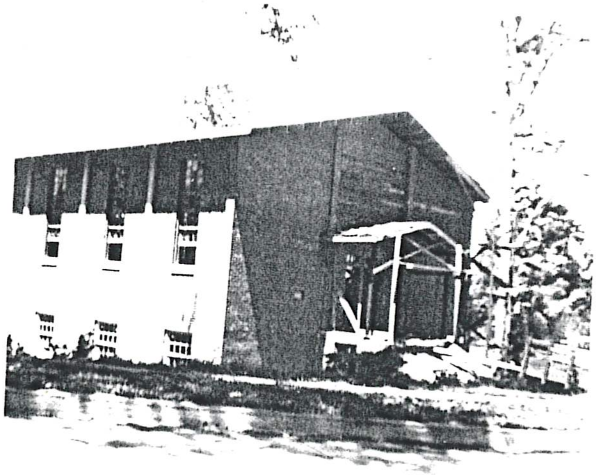

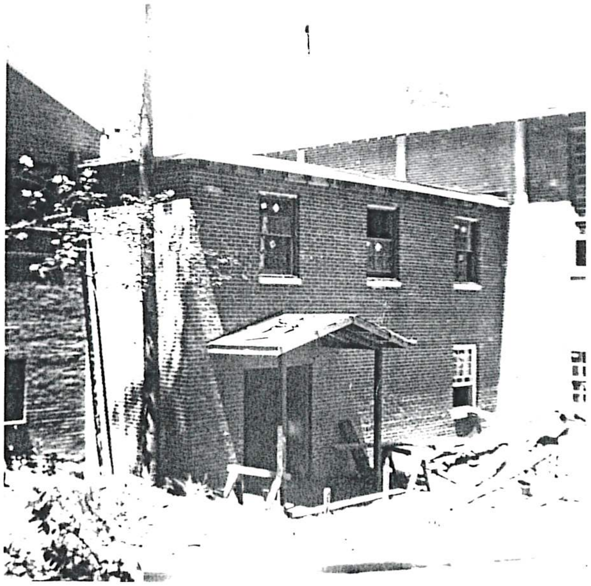

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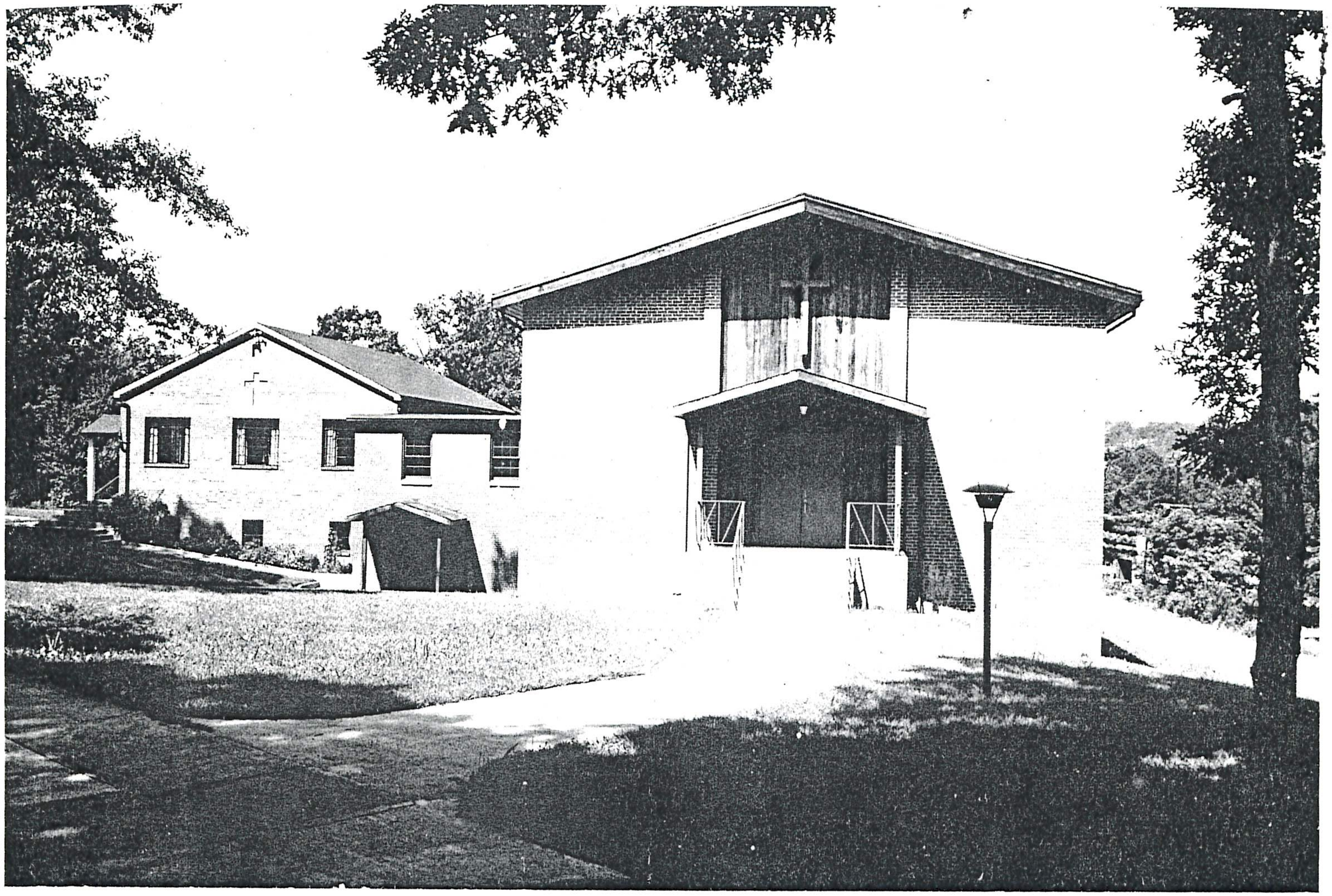

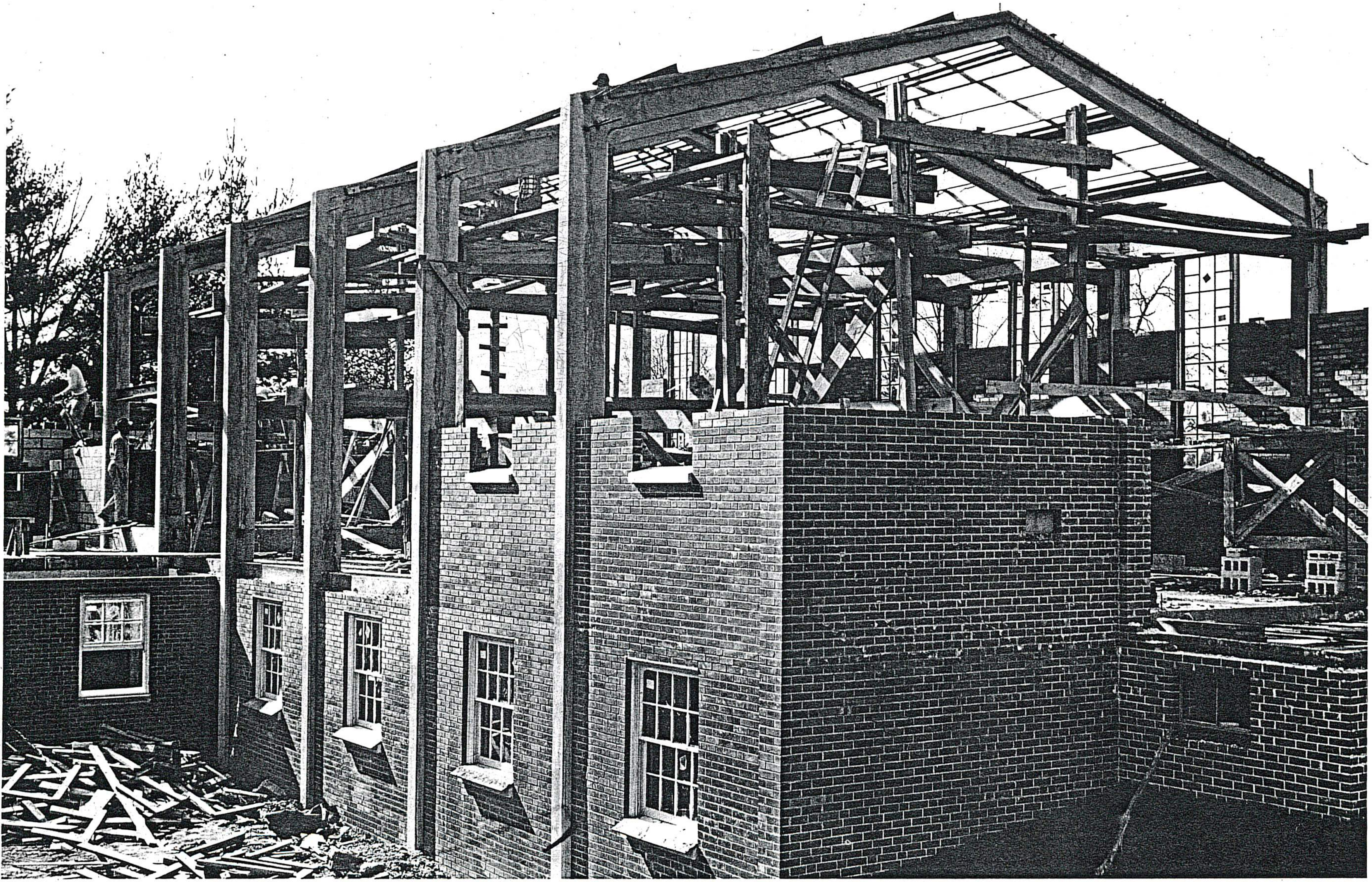

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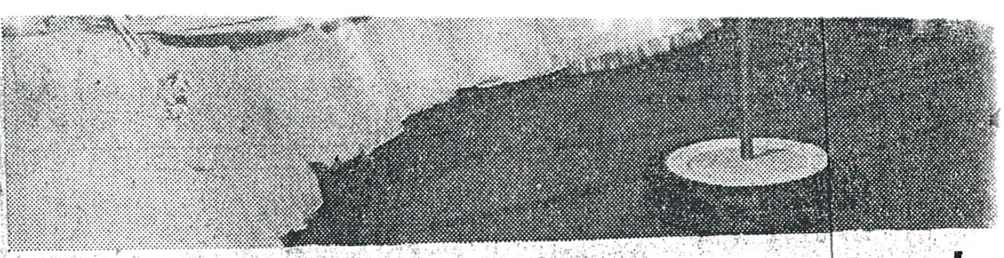
—Citizen-Times Photo—Gler

GROUND WAS BROKEN yesterday for the new $70,000 building which wil house St. George's Episcopal Church in Malvern Hills. Participating were (L-R) th Rev. Howard M. Hickey, priest in charge; Charles Hill, altar boy; Bishop M. Georg Henry, bishop of the Diocese of Western North Carolina; and Dan Wilder, Sunda School superintendent. A buffet supper was served yesterday at the site of the nev building, which will house the church and Sunday School. The old building will b used as a parish house.



May Queen And CourtFeted

Miss Hoot Ramsey was crowned Queen of the May Court of Lee H. Edwards High School at a dance last night in the school climaxing a day of festivities. Members of the court were, left to right, Miss Becky Newbourne, Miss Donna Worley, Miss Liz Colton, Miss Dot Smith, Miss Jo Ann Parker, Miss Bet Nelson, Miss Jane Garrett, Miss

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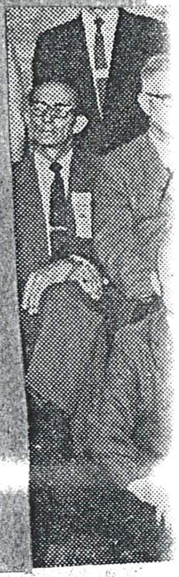
New Arrivals

A daughter to Dr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Ripley of 86 Blue Ridge Ave. in St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday. MAY 7 1961

Mrs. Marjorie Ledford, 42, of 86 Lanvale Ave., was treated at St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday afternoon for third degree burns of the chest, right arm, right knee and left foot suffered when a pressure cooker she was using blew up.



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By BOB TERRELL

Citizen Sports Editor

Asheville's Charlie (Choo Choo) Justice, who ran a trail of glory of 15 years in every type of football from junior high to the professional leagues, has been elected to the National Football Foundation's Hall of Fame, highest possible honor for a football player.

The 37-year-old Justice, All-America tailback at the University of North Carolina in 1948 and 1949, first native North Carclinian to be named to the Hall of Fame, termed his election "the greatest honor and thrill of my life"—a life that has been replete with honors and thrills.

Justice is one of eight men who played college football 10 years or more ago selected for the Hall of Fame by the National Football Foundation's honors court

Dec 2nd 1961

Asheville Pays Salute To Choo-Choo Today

By BOB COLLINS
Times Sports Editor

Asheville paid tribute to Hall of Famer Charlie (Choo-Choo) Justice today with a luncheon at City Auditorium with some 600 well-wishers, inculuding Governor Terry Sanford, on hand for festivities.

Choo-Choo's party got under way at 12:15 p. m., the first of several affairs which will precede his induction next Tuesday into the Football Foundation Hall of Fame in New York City. Nine others will be honored at the same time.

Speakers for the salute to the football greatness from high school at Lee Edwards to All-America stature at UNC and to stardom with the professional Washington Redskins.

James M. (Nemo) Coleman of Asheville, a former great at UNC in the 'teens, served as master of ceremonies. The invocation was by the Rev. W. Ross Baley, vicar of St. George's Episcopal Church, followed by the welcome by Mayor Earl W. Eller, and the introduction of Gov. Sanford and a short talk by the governor.

Also included were talks by Ralph James, who coached Justice at Lee Edwards and the presentation of community gifts to Choo-Choo by Perry Tomlin, representing the UNC Alumni Association.

Among the other groups attending were teammates of Justice from high school, service, college and professional days.

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He was a two-time All-American (1948-1949) during the "Justice Era" at Chapel Hill when he led the University of North Carolina to a resurgence of gridiron glory in becoming a national powerhouse. During those years he was runner-up for the Heisman Trophy twice and also won the Walter Camp Memorial Trophy as the nation's 1949 player of the year.

Charlie was voted the most valuable player in leading the College All-Stars to a 17-7 victory over the professional champion Philadelphia Eagles in their 1950 clash at Soldiers Field in Chicago. He capped his great career by later starring for the pro Washington Redskins.

His high school coach, Ralph James, recently paid him high tribute when he said "He had enthusiasm to burn and an attitude of cooperation and self-sacrifice that proved great assets toward his ultimate goal. Charlie Justice's greatest contribution in football was not in providing thrills for spectators, which, of course, was rewarding, but in setting a shining example of sportsmanship and character for all young men in America."

Program

Master of Ceremonies - James "Nemo" Coleman

Music by Eddie Scofield of Eddie Scofield's Supper Club
Hammond Organ courtesy of Dunham's Music House

Invocation....................................Rev. W. Ross Baley

Welcome....................................Mayor Earl W. Eller

Introduction of Family and Teammates

Hon. Terry Sanford, Governor of North Carolina
Introduced by Landon Roberts

Ralph James, former Coach Lee Edwards High School

Bob Cox .... and .... Art Weiner
(former teammates of Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice at U. N. C.)

Hendersonville Community Gift Presentation by
Mayor Al V. Edwards
and D. B. Keith, Pres. of Chamber of Commerce

Asheville Community Gift Presentation by
Perry Tomlin, U. N. C. Alumni Association

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Horoscope Forecast

By Carroll Righter

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You need to hold fast to the Rule of Gold and to any proven principles and precepts under which you have been existing, for it is evident that all kinds of pressure of a mental or physical nature, depending upon your own horoscope, can be exerted to bring you into mak-

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Mrs. Joe Hamm Ross Baley are co-chairmen. Mrs. Charlie Justice and Miss Sheryl Allison are decorations chairmen. "Valuable junk" chairmen are Mrs. Wall Anderson and Mrs. H. H. Redmon; apron chairman, Mrs. Elizabeth Stoughton and Mrs. R. Tandy; gifts and crafts, Mrs. Dan Wilder and Mrs. F. Ellis; tots and teens booth, Mrs. Robert Suttles; parcel post, Mrs. H. B. Allison; baked goods, Mrs. Herman Robinson and Mrs. Sherwood Pinkston; canned goods, Miss Mabel Underwood and Mrs. Lily Blackburn; plants, Mrs.

The Leaflet

All Souls Parish In Biltmore

An invitation has been received for the members of our Parish to attend the Bazaar at St. George's Church Thursday, December 6th, in their Parish Hall. Lunch will be served from 11:30 A. M. on, with dinner from 5:30 through 7:30 P. M. On sale will be baked goods, gifts, Christmas decorations, dolls, etc. They have fittingly named the event "Christmas Around the World".

Charlie Justice Named To Head CP Drive Here

Dec 30 1962

CHARLIE JUSTICE

Charlie (Choo-Choo) Justice has been named general chairman of the Buncombe County unit of United Cerebral Palsy of North Carolina, it was announced Saturday by Dr. Henry Jordon of Cedar Falls, state campaign chairman.

As chairman, Justice will be in charge of Buncombe's "53-Minute March for 1963" in an all-out drive Jan. 15 and 16.

According to the former University of North Carolina and Washington Redskins football star, "United Cerebral Palsy's annual 53-minute march documents the tragic fact that cerebral palsy strikes every 53 minutes somewhere in the nation.

"We must make certain," Justice said, "that funds are available to take advantage of the dramatic advances in professional skills and medical knowledge now available to help the cerebral palsied of our area."

Justice, active in community affairs and head of Charlie Justice Oil Co. here, resides at 21 Ridgefield St., Asheville.

A MANGER IN MALVERN HILLS construction stage as time neared for the nightly performances of a Living Nativity begin at 7 p.m.

Wednesday — Mrs. James D. Rogers, Mary; the Rev. Ross Baley, preacher;

In Assault Count

The final stage of the trial of Harvey Franklin eighth-grade teacher in Fairview Elementary School, on a charge of assault on a female, was continued to Friday afternoon in General County Court after hearing of defense evidence Thursday.

Mrs. Evelyn Marie Hill, mother of one of Franklin's pupils, had testified Jan. 4 that she had received injuries in the classroom when she went to the school Dec. 3 to take her son, Lloyd, out of class.

At the trial Thursday Franklin, 36, testified that Mrs. Hill came into the room at a fast pace, almost running, saying "leave my son alone," with her pocketbook in her hand, and that he took her shoulder in his left hand, after which she "some-

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A crazy dip of the ball spelled the difference in the N.C. State-Clemson game. Clemson's Mike Bohonak fired a 10-footer seconds before the final buzzer sounded, but the ball rolled around the rim and fell to the floor.

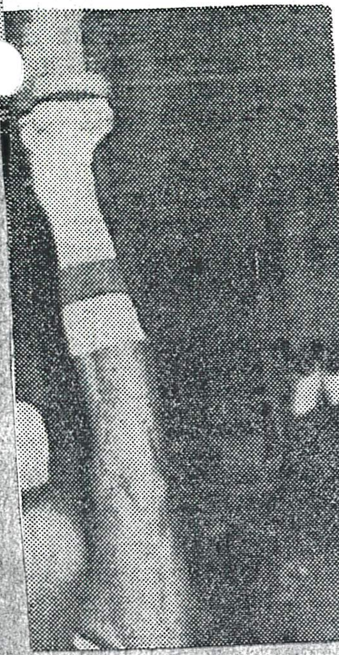
State's Jon Speaks, a 6-foot-2 guard, led the scoring with 20 points. He was followed by Pete Auksel with 15. For Clemson, Donnie Mahaffey had 11 and Manning Privette 10.

The game marked the debut of Clemson coach Bobby Roberts, and was the first meeting of the two schools since Roberts' predecessor, Press Maravich, became an assistant coach at N.C. State.

In Cincinnati, a zone defense by Virginia proved useless as the Bearcats ran through, over, and around it.

Ron Bonham, with his career high of 30 points, paced the Bearcats as Cincinnati picked up its 20th straight victory and its second of the current season.

Dick Nixon took charge of the Marquette - Wake Forest game,



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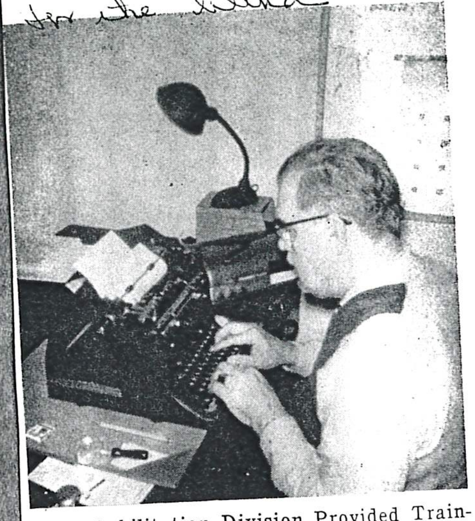

The Rehabilitation Division Provided Training, Dictator and Transcriber for This Blind Man. He Is Now Employed as Church Secretary in West Asheville.

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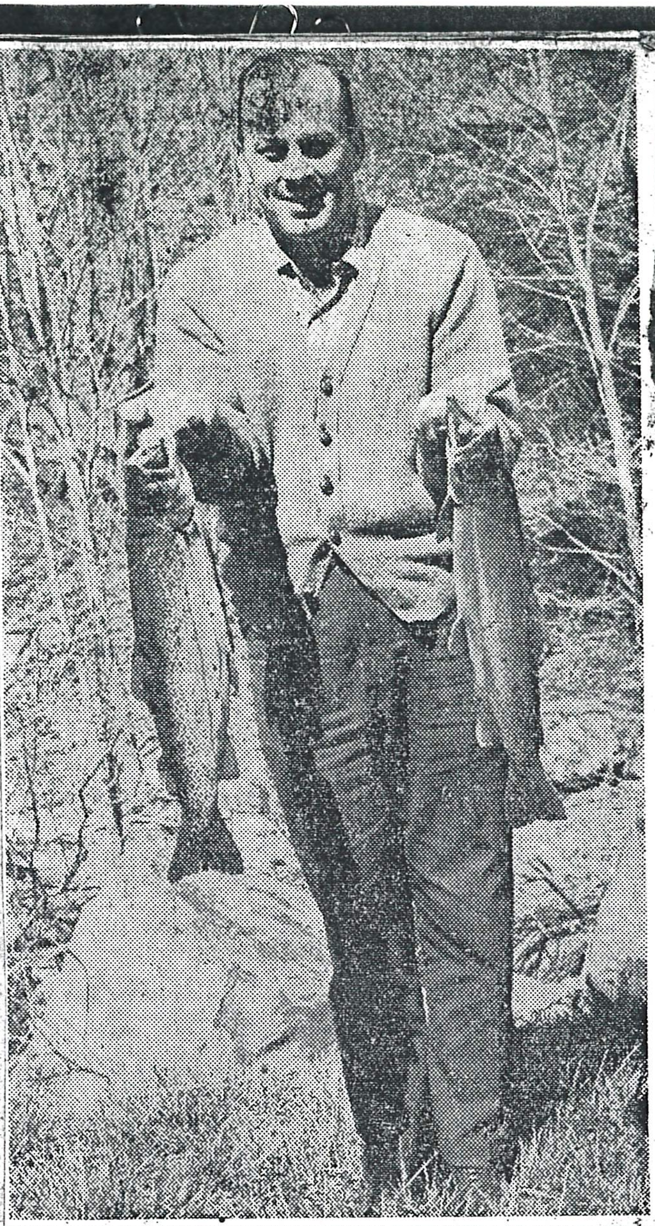

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SHEVILLE CITIZEN, ASHEVILL
Thursday, May 17, 1962

—Photos by Sullens

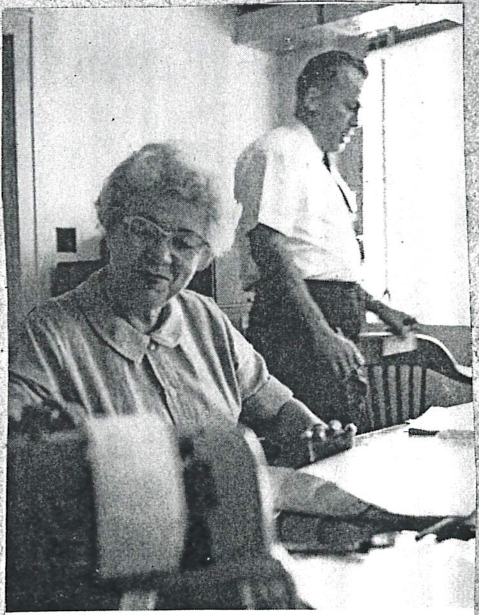
HEAT UP THE SKILLET—Charlie (Choo-Choo) Justice had his thrills on the gridiron over the years but few excelled the kick he had out of hauling

Cove in Avery County on the property of J. E. Penland with Penland and Lt. E. C. Guy and Cpl. J. A. Sullins of the State Highway Patrol. Guy caught the

The "Choo Choo" Justice Oil Company

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Justice at a favorite restaurant have plenty to reminisce about. They've been married since pre-college days.

JUST A REMINDER- The adults of St. George's will meet this evening with the adults of St. Joan of Arc at 7:30 P.M. This meeting will be held in the social hall of the school building.



Mrs. Thelma Wooster, Charlie's capable office manager, takes over when the boss is out scouting for new dealers, new locations, and new business. She is Mrs. Justice's mother.

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TUESDAY NOVEMBER 20th -The Diocesan

MRS. LEDFORD MRS. GROCE MRS. COUCH MRS. MANEY

Parade Of Gifts

Preparing for the St. Nicholas' Parade of Gifts sponsored by the Women of St. George's Episcopal Church to be held all day Friday are Mrs. Tom Ledford Jr., chairman of the dinner; Mrs. Fred Groce, bazaar chairman; Mrs. Jack Couch, luncheon chairman, and Mrs. Gilbert Maney, dinner ticket chairman. The event was previously scheduled for Thursday and Friday but has been changed due to the death of G. W. Morris. A luncheon will be served from 11:30 a. m. until 1 p. m. and dinner will be served from 5:30 until 7:30 p. m. An exhibition will be presented by a Western square dance team during the dinner and a fashion show of holiday aprons will be given during the luncheon.

THE ANNUAL HARVEST BAZAAR will be held Thursday, Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Parish House of St. George's Episcopal Church. Some of the women preparing handmade baby articles are (L-R): Mrs. Fred Groce, Mrs. Jack Brown and Mrs. Meta Mallory. "White elephants," handmade articles, canned goods, baked goods and plants will also be on sale. The young people will have a carnival booth during the afternoon. A snack luncheon of sandwiches, salads, soups and drinks will be available from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and dinner will be served from 5:30 to 7 p.m. A nursery will be open during the dinner hour.

and Mrs. Tom Ledford.

9:30 p. m.

A turkey dinner will be served. Tickets will be available for the dinner and may be obtained from Miss Mabel Underwood, ticket chairman.

The general chairman is Mrs. Jack Brown and Mrs. B. M. Ball is assistant chairman.

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celebrated tomorrow at 8 a. m. in St. George's Episcopal Church for the young people. A breakfast will follow in the parish house.

Chris Arno, superintendent of the Buncombe County Receiving Home, will speak.

The mission board of the church will meet in the church at 4 p. m. tomorrow.

The committee for the every member canvass will meet for instructions Tuesday at 7:30 p. m.

Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. there will be a service of Baptism.

10-17-54

—Citizen-Times Photo—Gamble

MR. AND MRS. J. WALL ANDERSON of 822 Haywood Rd. are observing their 50th wedding anniversary today. They will celebrate with open house from 3 to 5 p. m. in the Rhododendron Clubhouse and all friends are invited. The Andersons were married in Washington, D. C., and have lived in Asheville since 1913. They are charter members of St. George's Episcopal Church, West Asheville.

Know Your Organist

Oct 17th 1954

Mrs. G. W. Morris Satisfying Ambition With Musical Work

MRS. MORRIS

Mrs. G. W. Morris of 1 Tampa Ave., is satisfying life long ambitions in playing the organ and directing the choir at St. George's Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Morris believes she inherited her musical talent from her grandmother who was soloist in Trinity Episcopal Church, Charleston, S. C. When she was eight years of age Mrs. Morris was given a piano by her parents and began regular music lessons.

She continued her musical work through her school years, once sang in the choir of All Souls Episcopal Church, and later sang in Trinity Episcopal Church, where she was a member for 42 years.

When St. George's Church was organized four years ago, Mrs. Morris moved her membership there and became organist.

Married at 18 and now the mother of five children, Mrs. Morris had to give up much of her music. Now, however, with her family grown she is able to give more of her time to playing. She taught herself to play the organ, and keeps her interest in music alive and up to date.

Wednesday, March 1, 1961

MRS. HAMLIN MISS SCRUGGS

Scholarship Winner

Miss Judy Scruggs, daughter of Mrs. Julia Scruggs of 1 Tampa Ave., was presented an Asheville Biltmore College scholarship by the American Business Women's Association last night in Battery Park Hotel. The presentation was made by Mrs. Kathryn Hamlin, educational committee chairman, with the scholarship as the first presentation in an annual scholarship award to be given by the group.

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Baley Will Be Vicar At St. George's

The Rev. W. Ross Baley has accepted the position of vicar of St. George's Episcopal Church, West Asheville, and will begin his work there May 1.

Mr. Baley, a native of Pennsylvania, was field secretary for the Brotherhood of St. Andrews for three years before deciding to study for the ministry.

He has served parishes in Pennsylvania, and from 1951 to 1953 he was associate minister at Christ Church, Greenville, S. C. He comes to St. George's from Keystone, W. Va.

The Rt. Rev. M. George Henry, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese

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8 Wednesday, February 22, 1961

St. George's To Have Film

"The Last Days of Pompeii", a film, will be shown in the Parish Hall of St. George's Episcopal Church Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

The public is invited to attend this event, sponsored by the church as part of the Lenten services.

St. George's Episcopal Church will have the blessing of the palms at the 8 a. m. Communion service with Bishop M. George Henry, officiating. The palms will be distributed at the 11 a. m. service which will be conducted by Boyce Carrigan and Gilbert Maney, lay readers.

The Men of St. George's are

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2 The Asheville (N. C.) Times, Saturday, July 7, 1956

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First Lady Sends Donation To St. George's Church

If the First Lady is willing to help, surely the neighbors will give a hand.

That is how members of St. George's Episcopal Church in West Asheville feel about their summer project to raise $15,000 to complete the building fund.

Ground will be broken for the new church this evening, just five years ago to the day since ground was broken for the parish house which at present is serving also as a church.

St. George's Church was founded in January, 1950, and has made steady progress ever since. The dream of the congregation from the start has been to worship in their own chuprch.

At last the dream is coming true but there is much work to be done to complete the building fund for the church which will cost from $60,000 to $70,000.

All of the members are working to raise funds and many original ideas have been developed. However, it was an old idea for raising funds which brought help from Mrs. Eisenhower. A member made miniature aprons with tiny pockets. These were sent around to friends and relatives asking for one penny for every inch of the waist. One of these aprons found its way to the President's wife, and she proved her heart to be larger than her waist line and returned the apron with $1 in the pocket.

Another fund raising project is the Saturday market manned each week by members of the congregation at 744 Haywood Rd. Members raise vegetables and flowers in their gardens and donate them for sale together with a variety of baked goods and hand-made articles.

Members also have contracted to operate the snack bar at the Antique Fair in City Auditorium Aug. 14, 15, 16 and 17.

A group of members are running a second hand furniture and appliance store at 744 Haywood Rd. Individuals anxious to do their bit are hiring out as grass cutters, baby sitters, car washers, painters, weatherstrippers and for other odd jobs. Waste paper and coat hangers are being collected and used in the projects.

Following the groundbreaking at 5:30 p. m. today there will be a buffet supper in the parish house. A silver offering will be received—for the building fund, of course.

Sent by Beverly Dorney to Mrs. Eisenhower

Summer Market Planned Weekly By St. George's

May 1956.

A summer outdoor market sponsored by St. George's Episcopal Church will begin Saturday on the grounds of the church on School Road.

Proceeds from the market, which will be held from 10 a. m. until noon each Saturday, will be applied to the church's building fund.

Country produce, home baked and canned goods and handwork will be on sale. Orders will be taken for anything not available.

Mrs. Charles Patton Jr., 62 Westwood Rd. is the general chairman and Mrs. Herbert Wooster, chairman group 1, Mrs. J. Wall Anderson, chairman group 2 and Mrs. B. M. Ball, chairman group 3.

Each group will have separate tables at the sales.

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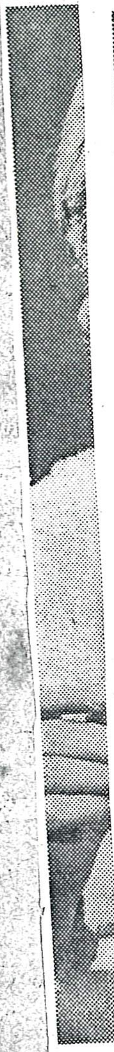

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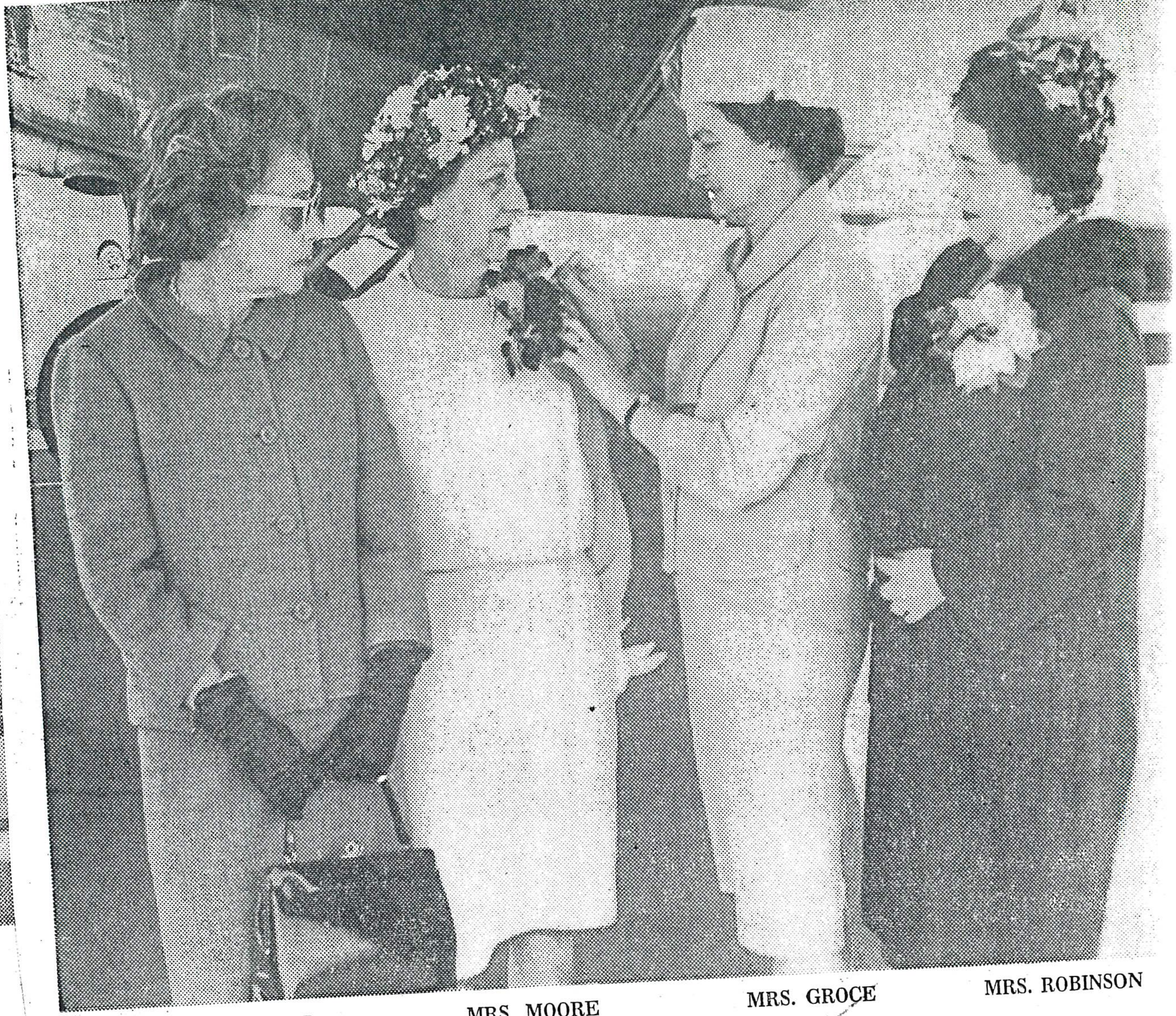

MRS. WEBB MRS. MOORE MRS. GROCE MRS. ROBINSON

Corsage For A Candidate's Wife

Mrs. Stanford Webb and Mrs. Fred F. Groce were on hand to welcome Mrs. Dan K. Moore and Mrs. John D. Robinson of Raleigh, head of the women's division for Dan Moore, upon their arrival at Asheville Airport this morning. Mrs. Moore, wife of the gubernatorial candidate, was honored with a coffee today in the American Legion Home on Haywood road. The coffee, the second in a series of four area courtesies, is sponsored by the "Elect-Moore Women." Mrs. Jo Brown, chairman of arrangements, was assist Mrs. Jack Kettleson, Mrs. Jack Couch, Mrs. To lonee, Mrs. J. T. Chappell, and Mrs. Roy Crowell. Photo by Ewart Ball.)

Asheville

St. George's EYC have conducted a series on the Episcopal Church. The EYC of St. George's have conducted a study series on a filmstrip covering practically all the phases of the Episcopal Church. The young people themselves conducted this study series which lasted for three weeks. Question and discussion would follow different phases of the film.

This was very profitable to them because they became more familiar with the Episcopal Church.

St. George's EYC boys now have a basketball team. After their regular meetings, they go the gym of St. Joan of Arc, a Catholic school in Asheville, and there have a game [illegible] team of St. Joan of

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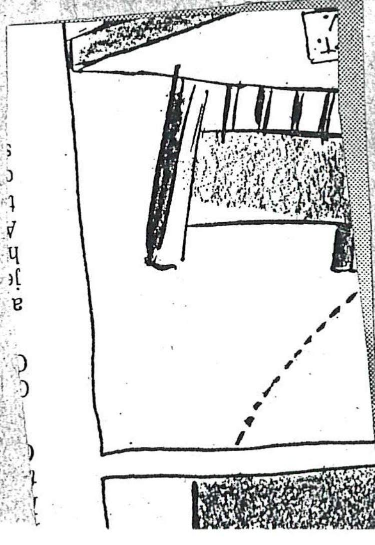

Feb. 1, 1964

Mrs. John P. Brown,

— Citizen-Times Photo

BAKING CAKES FOR THE BAZAAR to be held in St. George's Episcopal Church in Malvern Hills Thursday are, left to right, Mrs. W. J. Slade, Mrs. Floyd Miller, Miss Hattie Rollins, Mrs. G. W. Morris and Mrs. Wall Anderson. The bazaar will open at 11 a. m. and will feature homemade cakes, pies and jellies and handmade articles. A light lunch will be served starting at 11:30 a. m. and a turkey dinner will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 p. m., by ticket only.

9:45 A.M. followed by our moving picture then we will all go to Kanuga. Remember your lunch and your friends.

1962

PAINT-PAINT and more PAINT- We are still in need of paint for the exterior of St. George's. If you wish to help in this project please speak to Albert Walker The cost per gallon is about $8.00

BISHOP'S VISITATION - On Sunday Sept. 30th at 11:00 A.M. Our Bishop will visit St. George's. He will confirm a class of adults and preach. I am sure that you will all want to welcome him and attend the coffee hour that will follow.

—Citizen Photo

TWENTY-TWO YEARS have passed ce Curley A. (Preacher) Johnson ht) began work as a porter at the nd P Food Store at 609 Haywood Rd. dnesday night, he was given a retirement party at Malvern Springs Restaurant, and among his fellow workers and A and P officials present were (L-R): J. T. Campbell, area supervisor; and T. R. Ledford, store manager. Johnson, father of 10 children, has served as pastor of several churches in the Asheville area. Presently, he is pastor of the church of God in Christ Garden of Prayer.

St. George's Men's Club To Meet

Oct 1962

The Men's Club of St. George's Episcopal Church in Malvern Hills will meet Tuesday at 7 p. m. at the church, with Father Fleetwood of St. Lawrence Catholic Church as the guest speaker.

Women's guilds of the church will meet on Wednesday as follows: St. Catherine's, 10:30 a. m. at the home of Miss Mabel Underwood, 30 Swannanoa Ave.; St. Margaret's, 10:30 a. m. at the home of Mrs. Fred Groce, 24 Tampa Ave.; St. Mary's, 8 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Francis Snipes, 29, Mildred Ave., and St. Monica's, 8 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Earl Freeman, 264 Montford Ave.

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Mrs. Betty Jane Randal
Claude Frederick Norma
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HAMBURGER SUPPER

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

No. 1 School Road

Malvern Hills — West Asheville, N. C..

sday, Oct. 18th — 5:30 'til 7:30 P. M.

Adults $1.00 Children .50

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. . . The Women of St. George's, West Asheville, who made a visit to Appalachian School the first of this month. This is part of the church's Christian Social Relations program to acquaint the women with the institutions of the Diocese.

Sept 1963.

Chet Detko (215) and Walter Rock (235) are seniors with two years of experience. Detko is strong and one of the Terps' top linemen while Rock challenges Crossan as the best lineman on the team.

At the pivot is Gene Feher, a 210 pound junior who took the

ack Cook In League

other Southern Conference teams.

Richmond's Spiders worked on defenses against the single-wing offense of Saturday's foe, East Carolina. Halfback Steve Steven-

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Nugent says the Atlantic Conference champion will team which beats his Terr He may be right. The on the Operation Footbal tour don't think he's through his hat.

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NEW CITIZENS OF THE U. S. received their official sanction Wednesday in District Court here from Federal Judge Wilson Warlick. Included in the naturalization class are (L-R): front row, Mrs. Teiko Hollar of Hickory, a Japanese native; Gus John Zouzoukis of Asheville, formerly of Greece; Mrs. Elizabeth Newton of Morganton, from Germany; six-year-old Deborah Sue Reese, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen L. Reese of Asheville, from Germany; Mrs. Margarete Greene of Forest City, from Germany; Mrs. Kimie Dale of Marion, from Japan; and Mrs. Sarah Walker of Asheville, from England; second row, Mrs. Ruby Swen of Mars Hill, from China; Mrs. David Chou of Hickory, from China; Angelo Dotsikas of Asheville, from Greece; Xenophon Karras of Charlotte, from Greece; Albert Walker of Asheville, from England;

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Joseph G. Hamlin Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Hamlin of 54 Druid Dr. Asheville, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

Hamlin is a 1961 graduate of Lee H. Edwards High School.

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Dr. Ripley Is Appointed To Forest Station Post

DR. T. H. RIPLEY

Dr. Thomas H. Ripley of 86 Blue Ridge Ave., West Asheville, has been named an assistant director of the Southeastern Forest Experiment Station in Asheville.

He will be in charge of watershed, range, recreation and wildlife research for the U. S. Forest Service in the southeastern states, according to an announcement by Station Director Thomas F. McLintock.

Since 1958, Ripley has been leader of projects in wildlife habitat and forest recreation. A native of Vermont, he is a graduate of N. Y. State Ranger School, received his B. S. degree at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, M. S. from the University of Massachusetts, and Ph. D. from V. P. I.

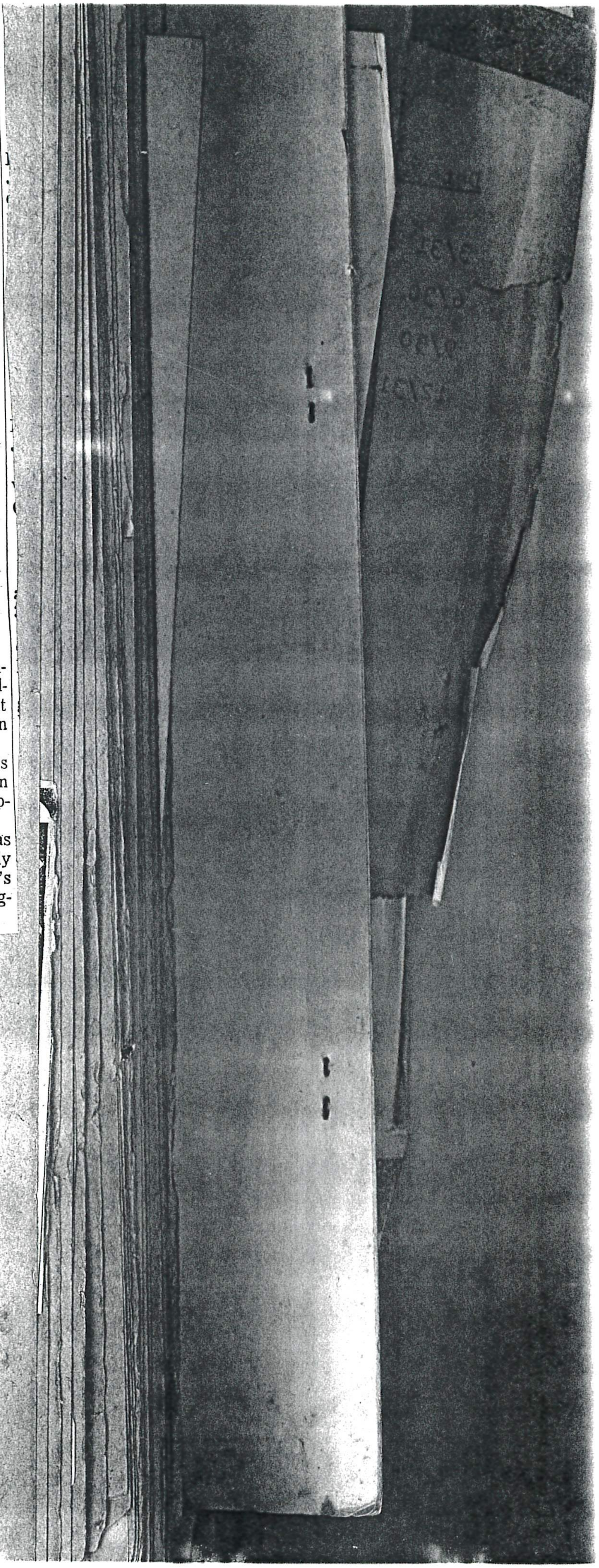
He was wildlife research consultant for the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Game from 1952 to 1956, where he conducted studies for improved quail management in coastal New England.

In 1957 he was an instructor in biology at V. P. I. and the following year became research biologist for the Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries.

Dr. Ripley is the author of publications on quail ecology and population dynamics, improved white - tail deer management in mountain hardwoods, and quail management in the pinelands of the southern coastal plain.

In forest recreation, he has written a number of papers on the ecological aspects of campsite selection.

He is currently serving as technical advisor with a study committee for the President's Recreation Council in Washington, D. C.



Miss Ledford Is Honored At Shower

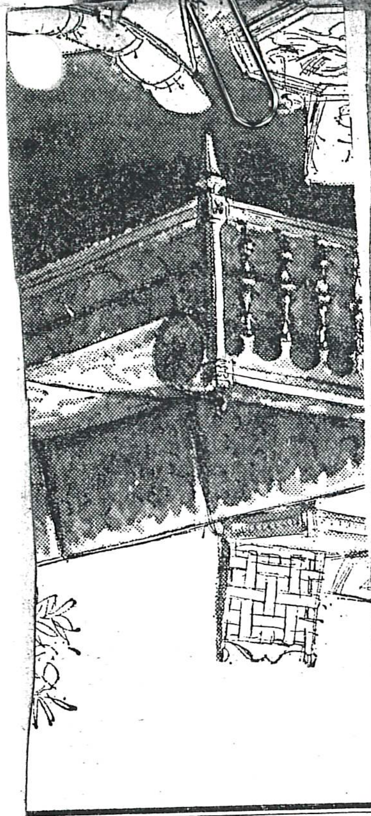
Phi Alpha Epsilon chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority entertained Miss Cassie Ledford with a linen shower last night in the home of Misses Nickie and Mio Chakales, 7 Alclare Dr.

Miss Ledford is the bride-elect of Bill Plyler.

A color scheme of pink and white was used.

A bridge game followed the shower.

The couple will be married Jan. 16 at 5 p. m. in St. George's Episcopal Church.



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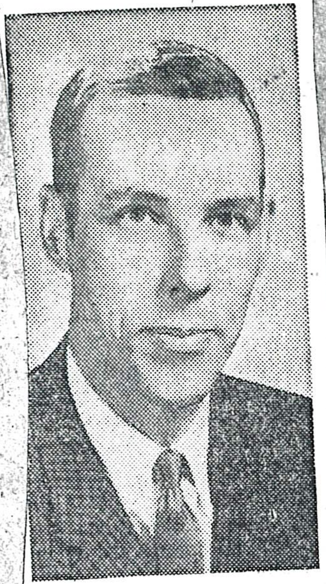

DR GEORGE MACATEE JR., Asheville physician will be the speaker for the loyalty dinner at St. George's Episcopal Church, 1 School Road, Saturday at 6:30 p.m. A junior warden at Trinity Episcopal Church, Dr. Macatee will speak on Stewardship.

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at the church Tuesday, 2:30 p. m.; Circle 2, at the church Monday, 10 a. m.; Circle 3, Mrs. Charles Brackett, 96 Central Ave., Tuesday, 7:45 p. m.

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CENTRAL METHODIST:

Roberts Bible Class will meet at 6:30 p. m. Wednesday at Carolina Power and Light Co. lake recreation area for a covered dish supper.

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April 26, 1964

Dear Father Bailey:

On April 12, Sunday, I was in Asheville and I attended St. George's Episcopal Church. To my surprise I found I had not taken any money with me. When the alms basin was passed I slipped in an IOU for $1.00 signed by Ellison C. Magruder.

Since than this obligation has slipped my mind until tonight. Enclosed find $1.00 for a late donation to the Church.

I enjoyed the service conducted by your lay readers, and furthermore, I will always remember the Easter service that I attended at your Church. Your service and sermon were excellent.

My regards to Mrs. Bailey and I'll look forward to seeing you again when I'm in Asheville.

Respectfully yours,

Ellison C. Magruder
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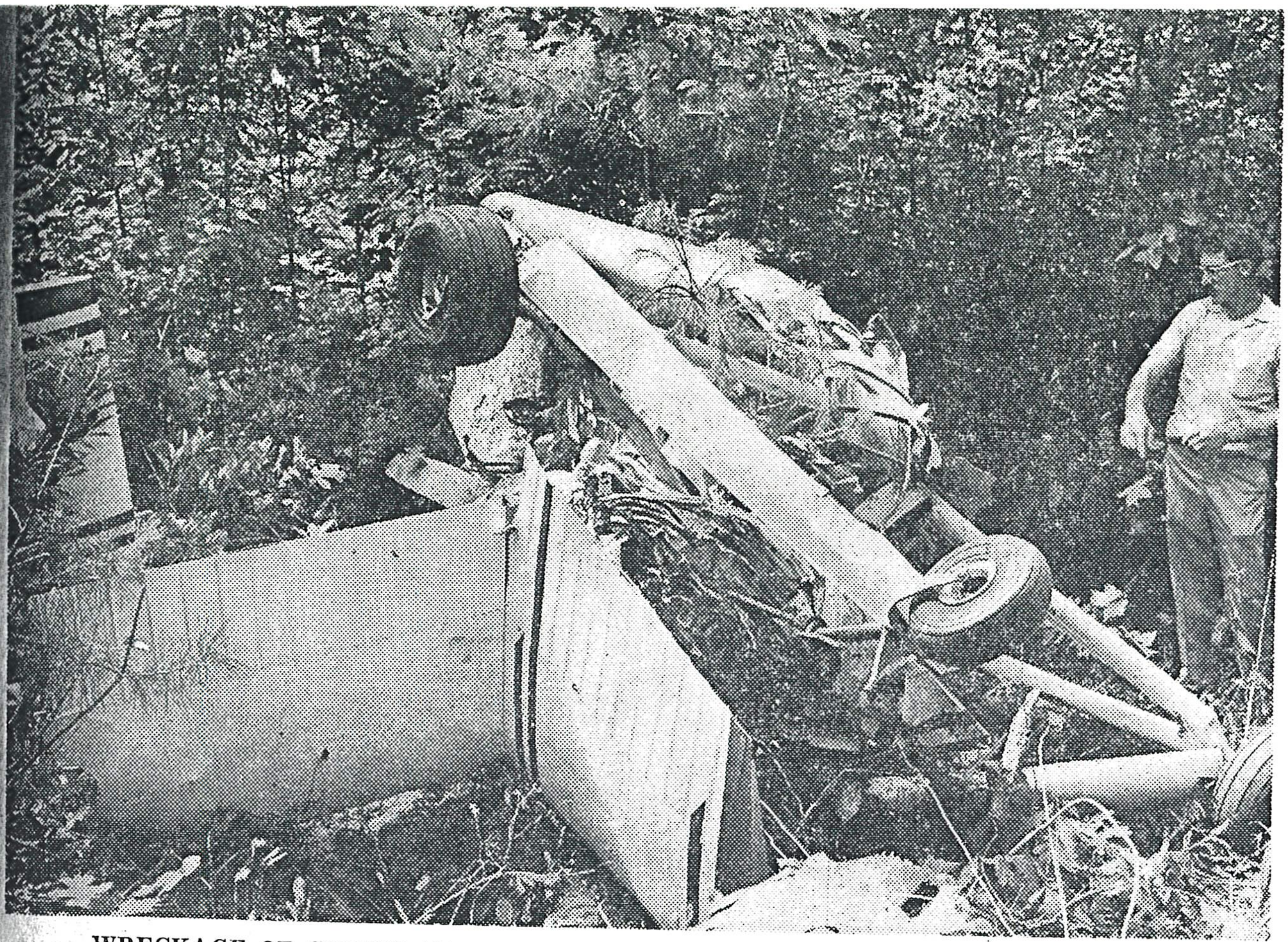
Janet Norman - 254-1454

Friday, May 1st - May Fellowship Day of the Council of Church Women. Begins at 10:30 A.M. and closes following luncheon. Place Abernathy Meth. Church, 1418 Patton Avenue.

The Church School - Last Wednesday evening the Vestry Committee on Christian Education met with Church School Teachers and made plans to use a new course of study in the School. This course will have as its basic books The Bible and the Prayer Book



WRECKAGE OF GYROPLANE . . . where newsman Earl Freeman died. (Staff Photo)

Newspaperman, CAP Flier

Earl Freeman Dies In Crash

Asheville newspaperman Earl T. Freeman, 49, a veteran pilot and a former group commander of the Civil Air Patrol, was killed Sunday when his aircraft crashed at Avery's Creek.

Freeman, Sunday news and feature editor of the Citizen-Times, was the only occupant of the small craft—a gyroplane—which went down at 1:30 p.m. in a heavily wooded section of Pisgah National Forest about three-fourths of a mile off N.C. 191.

The crash, ironically, was an accident of the type with which Freeman was quite familiar.

He had flown numerous searches for downed pilots during the years he was a member of the CAP. He held the rank of lieutenant colonel.

A World War II liaison pilot with the U.S. Army, he joined the CAP in 1948 and resigned last year as commander of Group IV, N. C. Wing.

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He attended Edneyville High School in Henderson County and the University of North Carolina and for a time prior to joining The Citizen staff in March, 1944, was associated with his father in the novelty manufacturing firm.

Mr. Freeman had also worked as a free lance writer and as an inspector in Piper Aircraft Corporation's plant at Lock Haven, Pa.

He was the second member of his family in the newspaper business. His great-grandfather, Col. Charles Henry Jones, was the founder of the Florida Times-Union.

For a number of years after joining The Citizen Mr. Freeman worked as police reporter, then became assistant city editor in June, 1953.

At the same time he was aviation columnist, writing "Wings Over WNC," and in 1955 was promoted to city editor. He became news and feature editor of the Sunday Citizen-Times in 1957.

Mr. Freeman was an honorary life member of the United States Air Force's Air Defense Team. After joining the CAP in 1948, he became commander of the Asheville Squadron,

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Earl Freeman Rites Today; CAB Probing Plane Crash

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George's Episcopal Church and lived at 264 Montford Ave. with his wife and their two children.

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The craft he was piloting Sunday was a two-place gyroplane for which he and Wayne Kinser of Asheville had recently obtained a dealership here.

It was brought here Friday by Freeman from Muncie, Ind. He had been studying the operation of the craft since the first of this month and was checked out Thursday by FAA officials, Kinser said.

Deputy Sheriff Harold Crisp quoted three witnesses to the crash as saying that the engine of the craft sounded smooth when it first came overhead.

Then it sputtered, caught back, then sputtered again, observers reported.

The plane, en route from Asheville Air Park at Emma to Oscar Meyer's airport at Hendersonville, was headed south.

Crisp quoted witnesses also as saying "something flew off" the plane just before it made a 90-degree dive into the hillside.

Hubert Buckner of Bald Gap Road, J. R. Nelson of Arden Rt. 1, and Scott Fisher of Sardis Road were quoted by Crisp as saying the craft crashed about 800 yards from the spot where they were watching in the Avery's Creek section.

It appeared after the crash that a rotor blade had come off the plane, which is similar in appearance to a helicopter.

In addition to the Buncombe County Sheriff's Department and State Highway Patrol, the Skyland Rescue Squad and the Buncombe County Rescue Squad stood by with fire extinguishers and guarded the wreckage from the curious. The Highway Patrol was still working late Sunday night to keep traffic moving on N. C. 191.

A native of Hendersonville, he was the son of Carl G. and Dorothy M. Freeman of Bat Cave, who survive. His father is a retired novelty manufacturer.

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Graveside services will be held at the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration at Bat Cave with Bill Lloyd, Wayne Kinser, Claude Norman, C. E. Reese, Bill Culbertson and Milton Sellers serving as pallbearers.

Honorary pallbearers will be employes of the Asheville Citizen-Times Publishing Co. and members of Group IV of the Civil Air Patrol.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers contributions be made to the memorial fund of St. George's Episcopai Church in Asheville.

Mr. Freeman had been a member of the staff of the Asheville Citizen-Times for 22 years and was Sunday news and feature editor. He served 17 years with Group IV, North Carolina Civil Air Patrol, and was group commander when he resigned last year with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

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Sam Banks, flight operations inspector, and W. B. Pilker, maintenance investigator, Charlotte office of the Federal Aviation Agency, were assisting.

"The aircraft appeared to break apart in the air. We are searching through the wreckage to find out what came apart. Evidently, something failed and caused the rest of the structure to fail," Banks said.

"This is all we know so far. We are reassembling the wreckage as near as possible in its original form. We will do our best to determine exactly what happened."

Findings of the three investigators will be filed with the Civil Aeronautics Board in Washington, D. C., in from two to three weeks. The CAB will release its report later, after reports of all investigators have been assembled in Washington.

The Federal Aviation Agency investigates all civil, light plane and general aviation wrecks. The CAB probes aircrafts accidents in which fatalities occur.

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Rufus C. Orr

Funeral services were held this morning in St. George Episcopal Church for Rufus C. Orr, 52, of 158 Brevard Rd., who died Sunday.

The Rev. Victor McGuire Jr. officiated and burial was in Gillespie Cemetery, Brevard. Pallbearers were Gilbert Maney, Herman Allison, Robert Nahikian, Woodrow Dillard, E. J. Ellis and Frank Leppert.

Mr. Orr, a native of Transylvania County, had lived in Buncombe County for 20 years. He was self employed in the home repair business. He was a former junior warden of St. George Episcopal Church and a veteran of World War II.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Mary Proffitt Orr; a daughter, Mrs. Rowenna Stevens of Durham; a sister, Mrs. H. C. Harrison of Kingston, R. I.; and a brother, C. E. Orr of Raleigh.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. George Episcopal Church.

Arrangements are under direction of Groce Funeral Home.

Dinner-Dance Is Slated For Church Members

Men of St. George's Episcopal Church will entertain the Women of the Church at a semi-formal dinner-dance Friday at 6:30 p. m. in the parish hall.

The annual parish meeting and supper will be held Tuesday at 6:30 p. m. in the parish hall. An acolyte training session will be held Saturday at 10 a. m. in the church.

Churchwomen Plan Benefit On Feb. 13

Women of St. George's Episcopal Church will sponsor a bridge party in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 13.

Play will begin at 7 p.m. Prizes will be awarded.

Reservations may be made with Mrs. Fred Groce or Mrs. Robert Suttle.

St. George's To Observe Anniversary

St. George's Episcopal Church will observe the 18th anniversary of its founding with a number of special events tomorrow.

The Rt. Rev. M. George Henry, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina, will make his official visit to the parish tomorrow. Bishop Henry will meet with the vestry at 9:30 a. m. and will administer of the Rite of Confirmation on a class of candidates during the 10:30 a.m. service.

Immediately after the service Bishop Henry and the newly confirmed fembers will be honored at a reception in the parish house.

Tomorrow at 6:30 p. m. the Episcopal Young Churchmen will meet in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Allison at 79 Clinton Ave. The Enthusiastics will meet at the church at 6:45 p. m. tomorrow.

Tuesday at 7 p. m. the Sunday School teachers will meet in the church and at 8:30 p. m. the committee on retirement and education will meet in the home of Mrs. Jack Brown, 96 Westwood Pl.

The Prayer Fellowship will meet immediately after the 10:30 a. m. celebration of Holy Communion on Wednesday.

The Rev. Victer McGuire is rector of the church.

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June '68

Mrs. J. Wall Anderson

Mrs. J. Wall Anderson, of 77 Kenilworth Rd., died Sunday afternoon in a local rest home after a long illness.

She was a charter member of the Asheville Community Club and St. George's Episcopal Church. She was a member of Esther chapter of the Order of Eastern Star.

Services will be held at 11 a. m. Tuesday in St. George's Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Victor V. McGuire Jr. will officiate. Burial will be in Baltimore, Md.

Pallbearers will be Floyd Miller, Dan Wilder, Gilbert Maney, Bob Nahikian, Jack Browr and Kenneth Hamlin.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the organ fund of the church.

Groce Funeral Home is in charge.

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June '68

Nahikian To Attend Semi

Marie S. Nahikian, Associate Editor of the **Carolinian,** is one of 20 college editors in the United States to be selected to attend a seminar on Higher Education at the University of California at Berkley, June 15 thru July 17.

The Seminar, sponsored and financed by the United States Student Press Association will include several short trips within California to Los Angeles and other cities.

Miss Nahikian was selected for the Seminar on the basis of creative potential as exhibited in various manuscripts submitted.

The United Student Press Association in connection with the Carnegie Foundation, has been involved in an intense look at higher education in the United States during the past year.

Included in the Higher Education Project was a seminar in Atlanta last October on "The Negro and Higher Education." Miss Nahikian also attended this seminar, at which time she interviewed Dr. and Mrs. Martin Luther King an Ralph Abernathy, n of the Southern Ch ership Conference.

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TERRIE RICKMAN

The 1969 Miss Asheville Pageant, sponsored by the Asheville Junior Chamber of Commerce and featuring 14 entries and several beauty queens, will be held Saturday at 8 p.m. in Asheville City Auditorium.

July 1968.

Convention Officials

Among the leaders of the North Carolina Food Dealers Association who are gathered here for the group's annual convention at Grove Park are (L-R): Durwood Harris of Greenville, N. C., association president; Frank Leppert of Asheville, group's directors

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THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN, Friday, Nov. 8, 1

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The Rev. Victor McGurie and the Rev. James Gilland will officiate. Burial will be in Green Hills Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be J. W. Bell, Claude Harrill, R. L .Nahikian, E. F. Pierce, W. C. Price, E. B. Todd, N. A. Kuykendall and William Douglas.

Members of John A. Nichols Masonic Lodge will conduct graveside rites. The lodge will open at 1 p.m.

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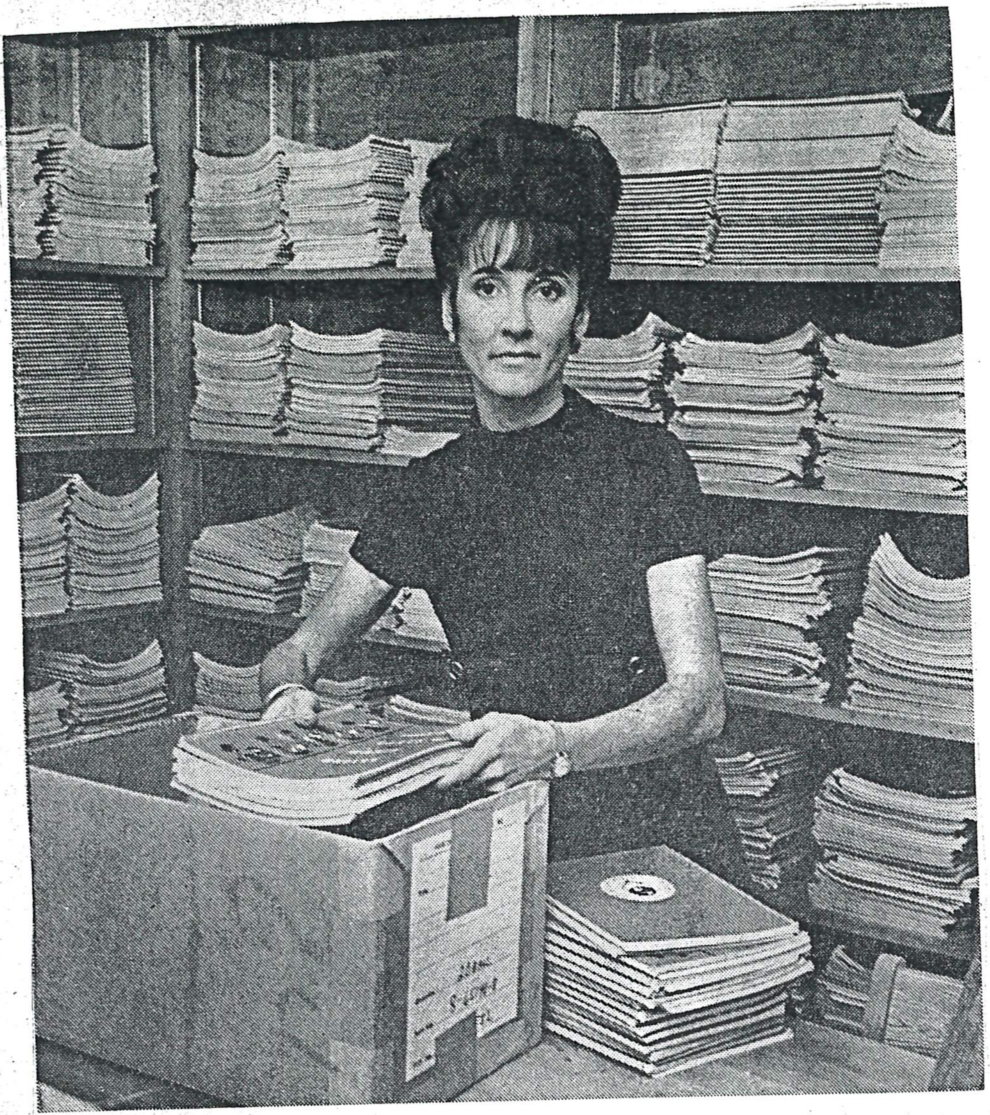

Testing Results Tell A Story

Mrs. Bernice Lane, director of guidance services for Buncombe County Schools, assembles test booklets to be sent to the schools. She supervises the administering of standardized tests and compiling of results which may indicate some weaknesses of traditional classroom instruction. (Staff Photo by June Glenn Jr.)

Mrs. Elma Wagner

Mrs. Elma Pinkerton Wagner, 49, of 9 Rockola Court, died Monday at her home after a short illness.

She had been employed as bookkeeper for Blue Bird Taxi Co. and Avis Rent-a-Car Co. She was a member of St. George Episcopal Church.

Surviving are the husband, William W. Wagner a daughter, Mrs. Jean Cole of Arden; the father, Robert I. Pinkerton of Marion; three brothers, Glenn of Asheville, Claude of Marion and Ernest Pinkerton of Alphareeea, Ga.; two sisters, Mrs. Margie Williams of Marion and Mrs. Myrtle Paseur of Palatka, Fla.; and two grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the chapel of Groce Funeral Home.

Victor McGuire will officiate. Burial will be in Emma's Grove

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The people of Asheville and Western North Carolina who need any kind of welding work done would do well to consider the Asheville Welding Company located at 13 Southside Avenue as their first choice. This firm has been turning out work that satisfies the customer for over 52 years.

William M. Reid Jan 197

William M. Reid, 55, of 9 Wilshire Dr., died unexpectedl Thursday at his home.

Mr. Reid, a native of Rutherford County, retired in 1968 a manager of the plumbing an heating department of the Sear Roebuck and Co. store here. H had lived in Asheville for 3 years.

Surviving are the widow, Mr Margaret P. Reid; two son William G. and C. Joseph Rei both of the home; a siste Mrs. A. D. Hampton of Black burg, S. C.; and a grandson.

Services will be held at p. m. Saturday in St. Georg Episcopal Church, of which was a member.

The Rev. Victor McGuire w officiate. Burial will be Green Hills Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Russ Rymer, Robert Glover, Rob Jarvis, Jack Marlowe, De Patton and Calvin Lance.

In lieu of flowers, donati may be made to the organ f of St. George's Episco Church.

Groce Funeral Home is charge of arrangements.

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Janne Kettleson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Ket-

June 1970

MISS KETTLESON

tleson of 22 Shepherd Drive, left July 2 to attend the American Institute of Foreign Study at the University of Westfield in London, England.

She will attend the University of Paris during a second session and will take an excursion to Geneva. Switzerland. The final two weeks of the institute will be held at Loyola University in Rome Italy.

She will return to the United States Aug. 10 and will be a sophomore at Brevar

By Lee Falk

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Nov. 1968. **ENKA VOICE**

MRS. TILLIE BASSETT, a supervisor in the key Punch Section, Controller's Department, displays a check for $4,150 she recently won in a Coinword puzzle contest regularly featured in the ASHEVILLE TIMES. Jack Taylor, Citizen-Times assistant circulation manager, presented the check to Mrs. Bassett.

How Sweet It Is

Tillie Bassett Collects $4,150 In Puzzle Contest

ENKA—A little excited and a whole lot happy was the way Tillie Bassett explained how she felt when told she had won the ASHEVILLE TIMES Coinword prize worth $4,150.

"I thought it was a joke when the newspaper first phoned me," said Mrs. Bassett. "I didn't really believe it until they handed me the check."

Mrs. Bassett, a supervisor in the Enka Key Punch Section, Controller's Dept., has been working the Coinword puzzle every week for several years. She said her winning entry originally went into the waste basket at home.

The prize was the second largest since the TIMES began carrying the puzzle in 1956.

Mrs. Bassett says most of the money will be invested.

A partial solution to one form of litter may be in sight — a plastic beer bottle that will disintegrate in two years after being discarded and exposed to the sun. It will be given a tryout in Sweden by Vaarby Breweries.

Thrift Shop Open At St. George's

Women of St. George's Episcopal Church have announced that he Thrift Shop will be open ach Saturday from 10 a. m. unl noon in the basement of the hurch.

St. Margaret's group of the omen will meet at 11 a. m. ednesday immediately after e 10:30 a. m. service of Holy ommunion. St. Monica's group ill meet Thursday at 7:30 p. . in the home of Mrs. Graham le on Starnes Cove road.

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Mr. Bassett was president of the Buncombe County Association for the Blind, on the board of the North Carolina Association for the Blind from 1964 to 1966 and was chairman of Lions Broom Sales in Asheville for the past five years.

He had dedicated his civic activities to service for the blind and less fortunate people. In 1968, he received the Sam Cathey Award for outstanding service to the blind.

The body will remain at Groce Funeral Home, where the family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday.

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The "Jo Handi" Craft and

The newly organized "Jo Handies" will open a gift shop in Asheville Monday stocked with quality craft and gift items ranging from book ends to decoupague chests and hand-tied trout flies.

The Jo Handi organization, auxiliary to Jobs For the Handicapped Inc., will open their shop in newly redecorated quarters at 73 N. Market St.

The modern shop, colorfully decorated, will feature such items as wall plaques, waste baskets, permanent flower arrangements, hand made rugs, copper enamel jewelry, ash trays and pot holders — in addition to book ends, decoupague chests and trout flies.

Toys and gifts for children and invalids will also be on sale at the new shop. Decorative bottles, hand-tooled leather belts and numerous other items will be available.

The shop is a new retail outlet manned by the "Jo Handi" auxiliary for articles made by shut-ins and employes of the sheltered workshop operated by Jobs For the Handicapped.

The gift shop is next door to the workshop where contract orders are also filled for the Hadley Corporation, American Enka Corporation, Ball Brothers and Northrop Carolina.

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Daughter of Bill & Bette

ECW honors June Groce as 'Honored Woman'

June B. Groce, recognized by the ECW as "Honored Woman" of the Diocese of Western North Carolina, was born near Asheville and attended the Church of the Redeemer from infancy until the family moved to Asheville when she was a teenager. She then attended Trinity Church where she was active in the youth group. June studied music and has been a choir member almost all of her life.

She helped organized a group to start a new Episcopal mission in West Asheville where she had moved following her marriage to Fred Groce, who is now retired from Groce Funeral Homes. That mission became St. George's Church. It was started in 1951 with her help and June has been a very energetic participant ever since.

She has taught Sunday School, has been active on the altar Guild, has been president of the ECW many times, has served on the vestry and has helped with dinners, receptions and rummage sales.

As small churches often do over their lives, St. George's had its ups and down — June was one of the most influential and effective people in the congregation in overcoming those downs.

In the community, June helped organize the Asheville Buncombe County Christian Mission (ABCCM) in 1969 to help low income families with heating and electric bills, food, clothes, etc. This is now a huge organization that is a tremendous asset to Asheville and Buncombe County. June volunteered at ABCCM for 25 years.

She also volunteered for many years as a welcomed visitor to inmates at the medium security prison, Craggy Correctional Center, north of Asheville. She is past president of Thom's Rehabilitation Hospital Auxiliary, the Jaycettes, and the Rhododendron Civil Club of Asheville. She is past president and treasurer of the Salvation Army Auxiliary and has volunteered at the Red Cross for many years.

In the diocese, she was a member of the ECW board and served on the board of Patterson School. She worked with the Episcopal Deerfield (Retirement Community) Auxiliary and was on the committee that initiated the Renewal Conference at Kanuga Conference Center. During many years, June has often been an elected and voting delegate to the annual convention of the diocese.

June never stops doing and giving. She sends cards to the sick and to those with birthdays. She calls those who miss church or are sick. She has taken meals to countless people over the years. June is a very special, humble and loving Christian.

— Lucy Gunn

June Groce (left) was recognized at the Triennial as the diocese's 'Honored Woman.' Lucy Gunn (right) presented her a plaque at the ECW annual meeting.

1988 Directory
of

St. George's Episcopal Church

1 School Road
Asheville, North Carolina 28806

Fr. William P. Austin, Rector

HISTORY OF ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The first service of the new mission in West Asheville was on January 15, 1950. Everything was borrowed and this included chairs, Altar, organ, hymnals and Prayer books. It also included the room in which the service was held.

By July 7, 1951 ground was broken for the parish hall and it was dedicated in October 1951. Construction was started in 1955 for a building "suitably finished for church services and a portion of the basement usable at once for Sunday School classes."

In January, 1966 St. George's was no longer a Mission but had been given Parish status.

St. George's is in the process of rebuilding its membership and that is coming along. We have two outreach services at this time. One in the Vanderbilt Apartments and one at the Aston Park Health Care Center.

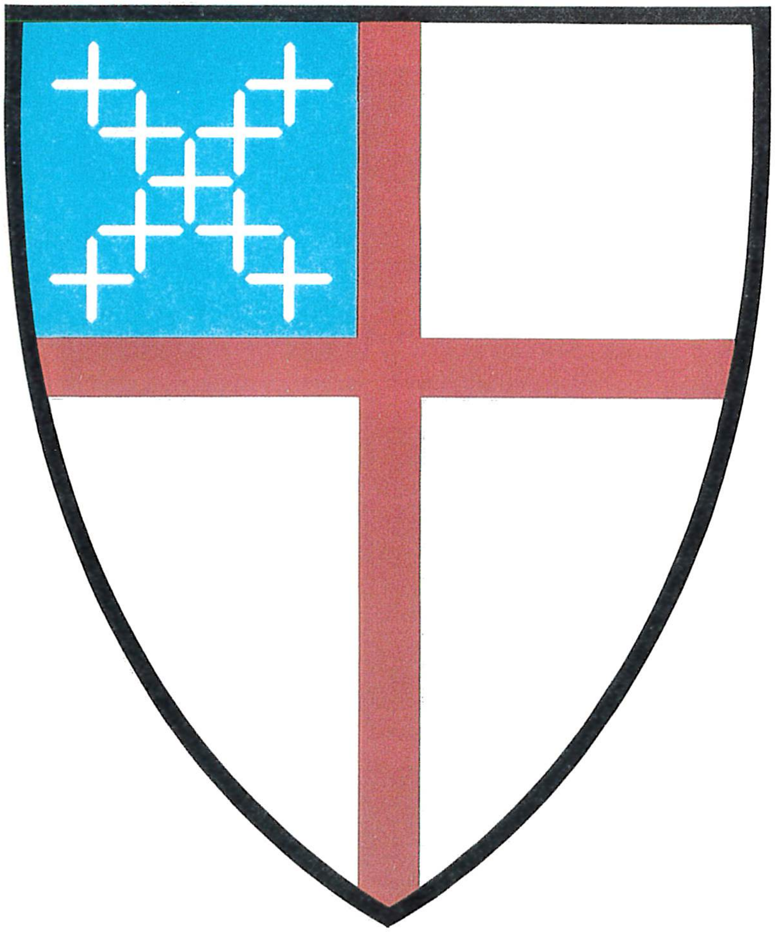
We also offer a growing church school with enthusiastic teachers, a very dedicated choir and a blessed E.C.W., just to name a few happenings going on here. Be sure to check your activity calendar for the special activities happening during the next months.

This pictorial directory will help all of us, new and established members, put names to faces to identify ourselves to each other.

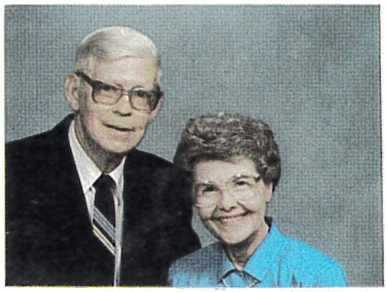
PRIESTS WHO HAVE SERVED ST. GEORGE'S

The Rev. Howard M. Hickey	1951-1958
The Rev. Kyle Boeger	1958-1961
The Rev. W. Ross Baley	1961-1964
The Rev. P. Roberts Bailey	1965-1966
The Rev. Victor V. McGuire	1967-1978
The Rev. Eric Kast	1978-1979
The Rev. Charles Cherry	1979-1985
The Rev. Eric Johnson	1986-1987
The Rev. William Paul Austin	1987-

The Rev. K. Murray Scott has served St. George's as Deacon since January 8, 1983.



Our Family Directory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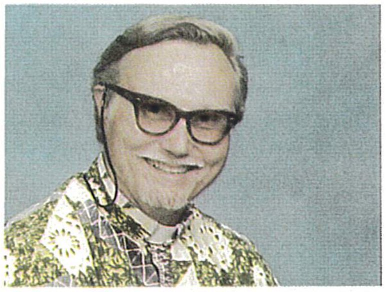
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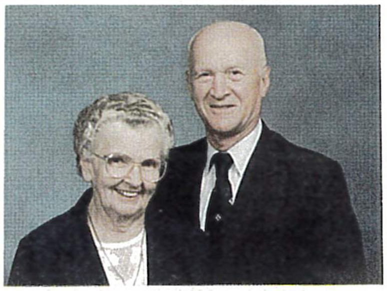
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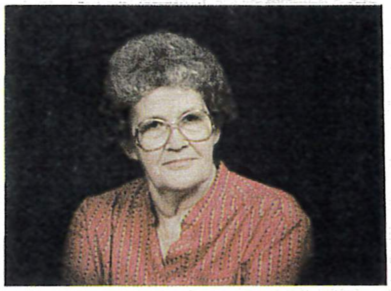
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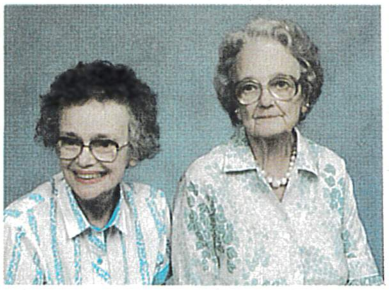
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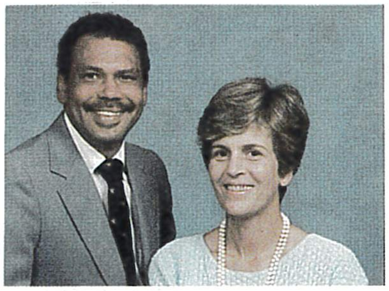
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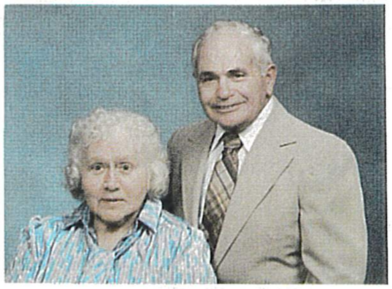
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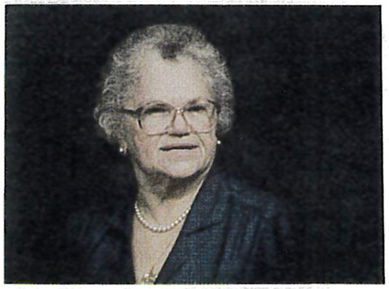
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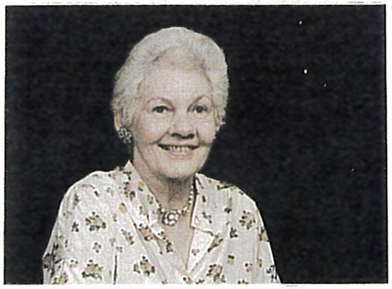
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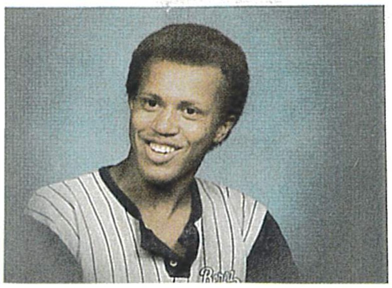
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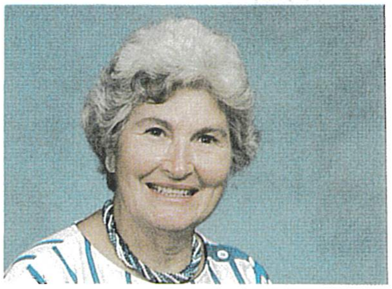
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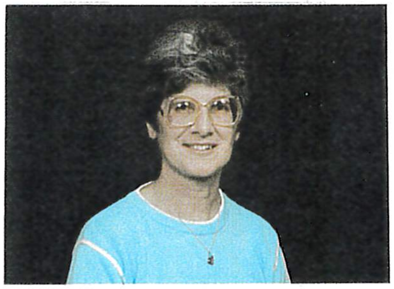
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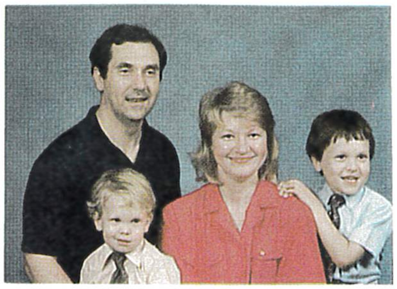
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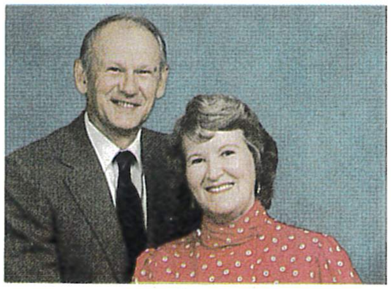
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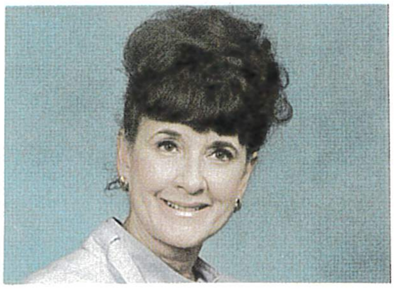
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Art & Nicki Parker

Susie Perry,
Chris & Nick

Guy & Alyce Plamondon

Paul & Becki Plemmons
& Michael & Wes Moore

Gloria Ponder

Bud & Iva Lee Porter

Hubert & Reva Redmon

Barbara Rickman

K. Murray Scott

Sharon Showalter
& Kendra

Eleanor Smart

Alice Soper

Lane & Karen Taylor

Karen Thatcher

Charlie & Helen Van Sickle
& Ruth

Jim & Linda Washburn

Clara White

Dorland & Sandra Winkler
& Lance

Raina Wood

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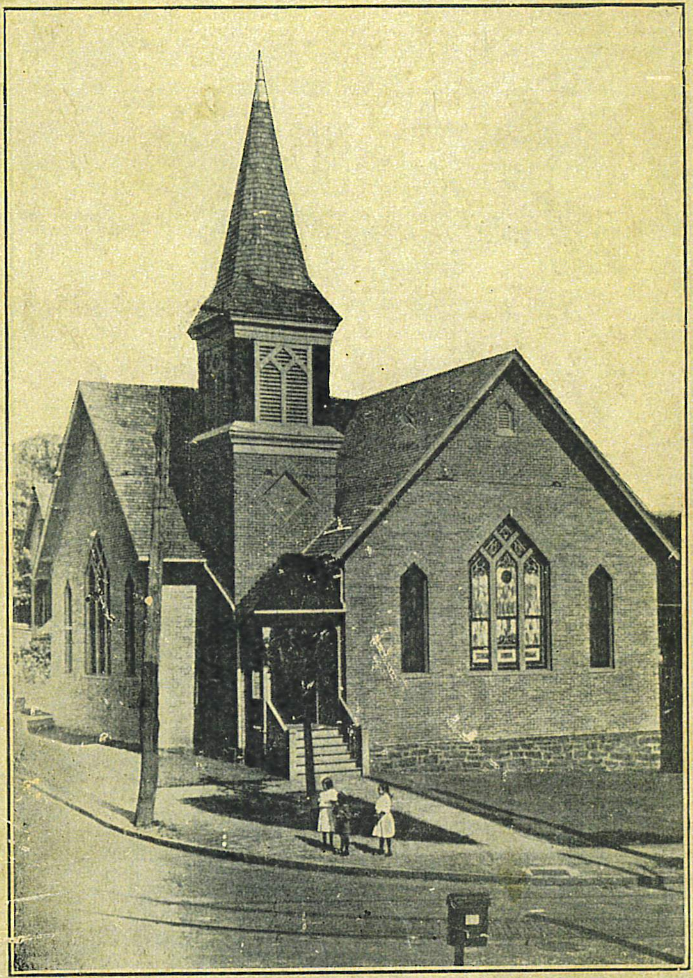
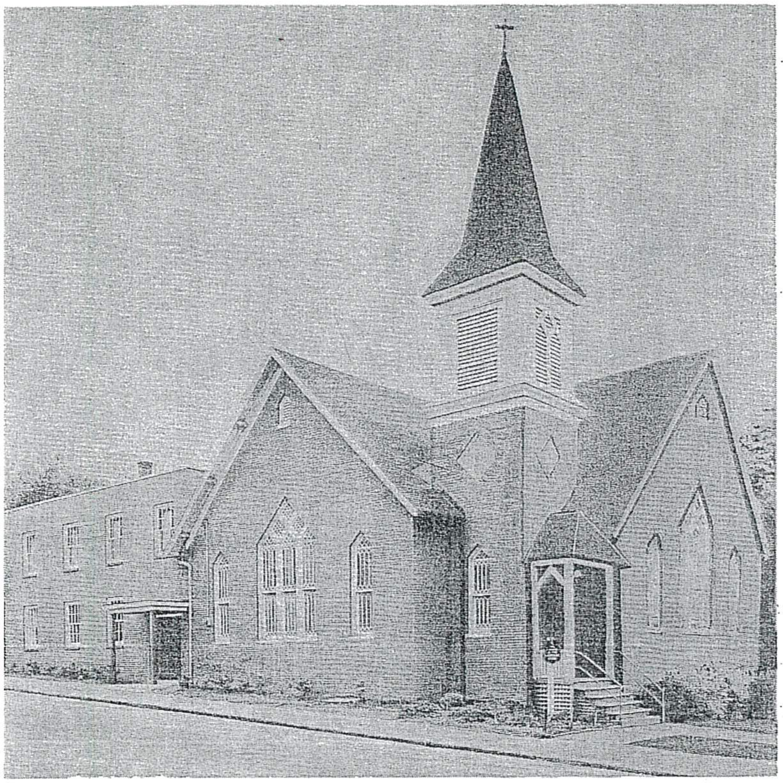
Emmanuel Lutheran Church



Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Asheville, N. C.

3. (Continued). The church history began in 1892, but it was 1904 that "Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church" at the corner of Hilliard Street and South French Broad Avenue was established. In 1960 the current "Emmanuel Lutheran Church and School" dedicated its new facility in Wilshire Park.

First Lutheran Church



Hilliard & South French Broad Avenue — Asheville, N. C.

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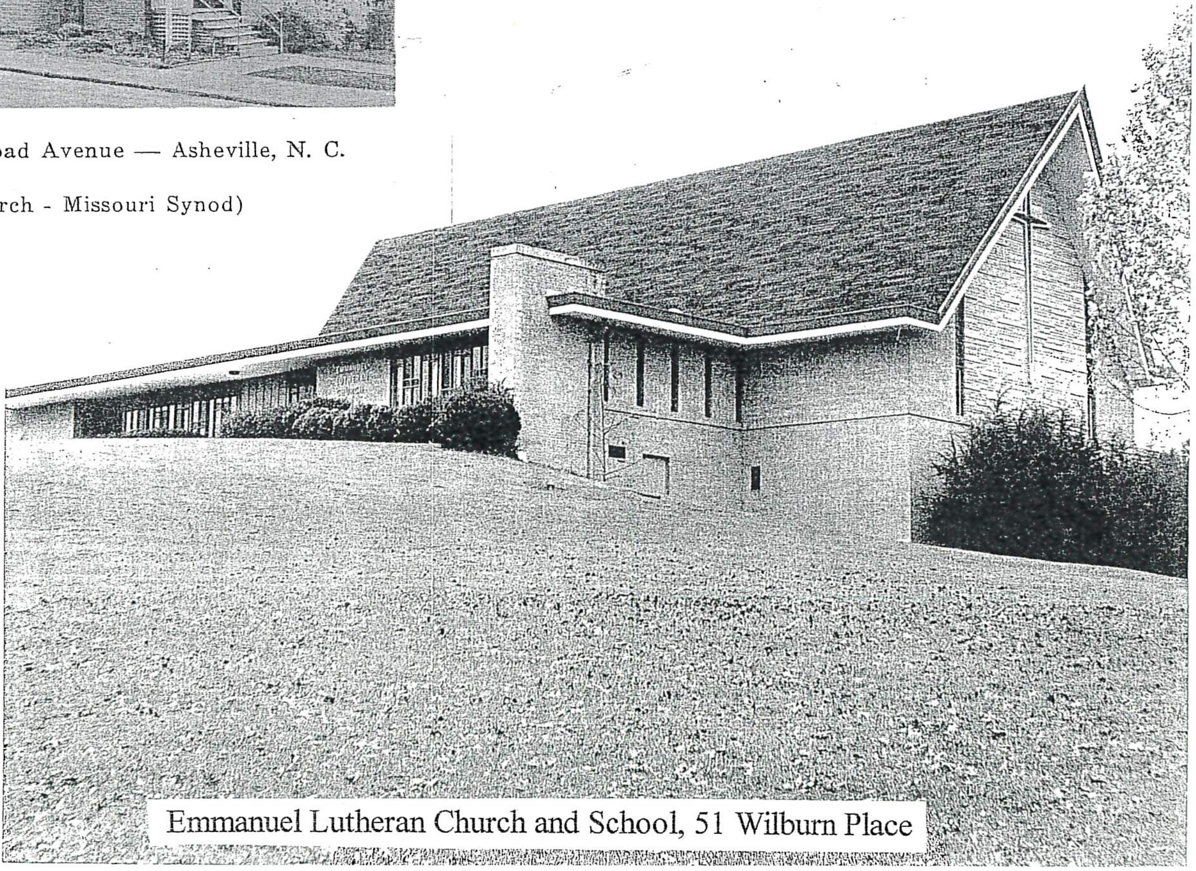
REV. E. T. COYNER



Emmanuel Lutheran Church and School, 51 Wilburn Place

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL
2002-2003

HISTORY

The history of Emmanuel Lutheran School began with the founding of the First Lutheran Church in 1903, later to be changed to Emmanuel Lutheran Church. The First Lutheran Church was constructed on the corner of Phillip Street (now Hilliard Avenue) and South French Broad Avenue.

In the fall of 1958, a kindergarten was begun as the first step in the establishment of a Christian Day School. Ground was broken in the present location for a new church in July 1959, and dedicated in May, 1960. The school grew steadily. In 1963, an educational wing was started which added four classrooms, office space and storage space for the school.

In 1978, a preschool and child care program were added, giving Emmanuel School a continuous educational program for children in preschool, kindergarten, and grades 1-3.

Emmanuel Lutheran Congregation, as part of a long-range planning process, broke ground in 1985 for a new multipurpose fellowship hall and a complete renovation of the lower level of our education facility. The goals of the Five-Year Plan and the subsequent building construction focused our efforts on providing a strong base in our preschool program, and, at the same time, further developing the strength of our kindergarten and primary grades.

In 1989 Emmanuel Lutheran School was awarded accreditation by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs (a division of the National Association for the Education of Young Children). This recognition was the culmination of intensive self-study and the dedication to quality developmentally appropriate education. Emmanuel continues to secure re-accreditation with NAEYC, most recently in the fall of 1999. Our program was the first Academy accredited program in the Asheville-Buncombe region.

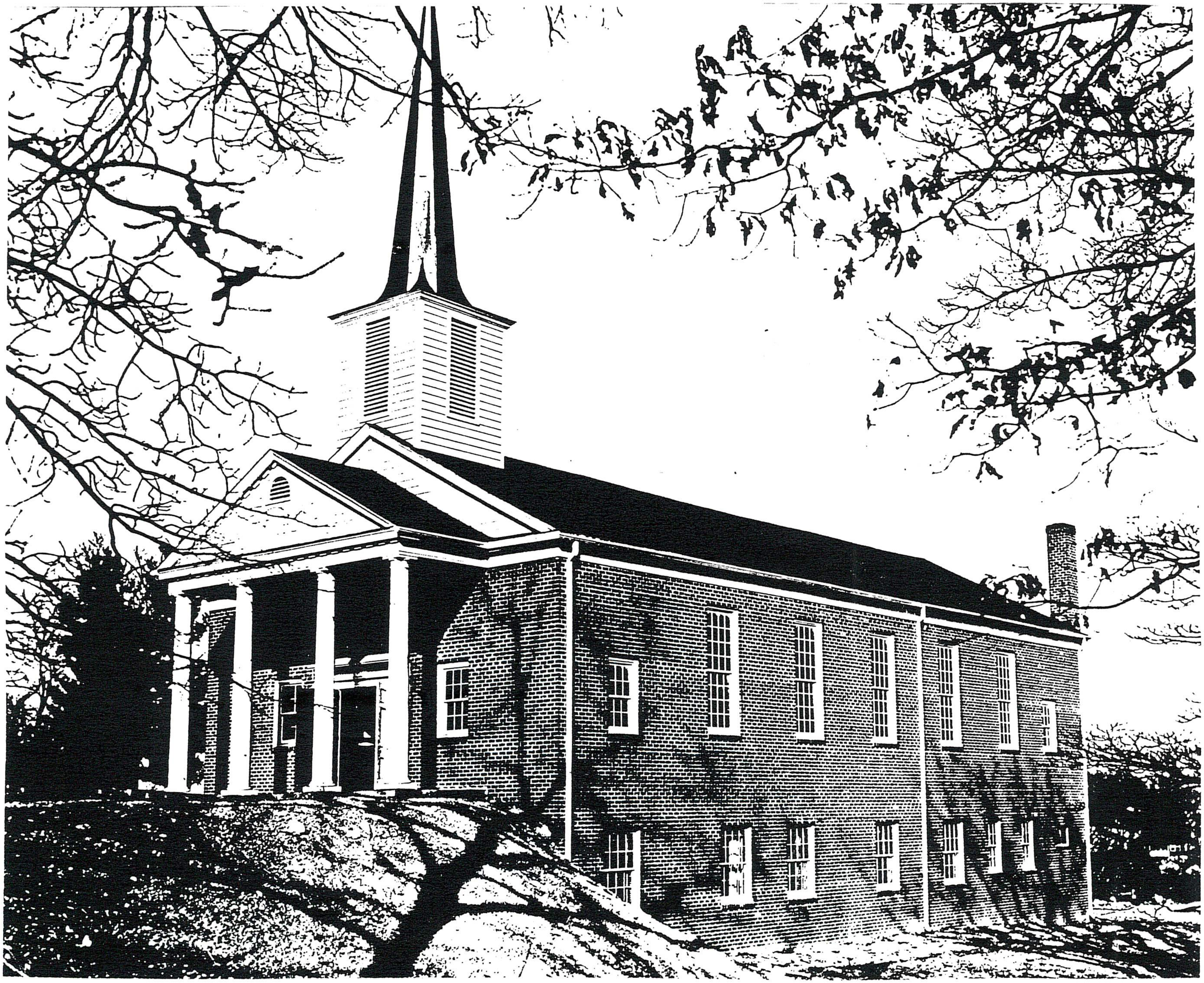
In 1993, an extensive 10-month self-study process conducted by the School Study Committee culminated in the recommendation, and subsequent approval by Emmanuel congregation, to re-establish fourth and fifth grades at Emmanuel Lutheran School.

In 1995 two new classrooms were constructed which enabled Emmanuel Lutheran School to expand its education program through grade five.

In 1999 an infant/toddler program was added to the child care program.

In 2000, Emmanuel Lutheran School initiated an expansion program by adding grade six. In 2001, grade seven was added, and grade eight was added this year. Our new facilities will be available in August, 2003.

Abernethy United Methodist Church



ABERNETHY METHODIST CHURCH AS IT
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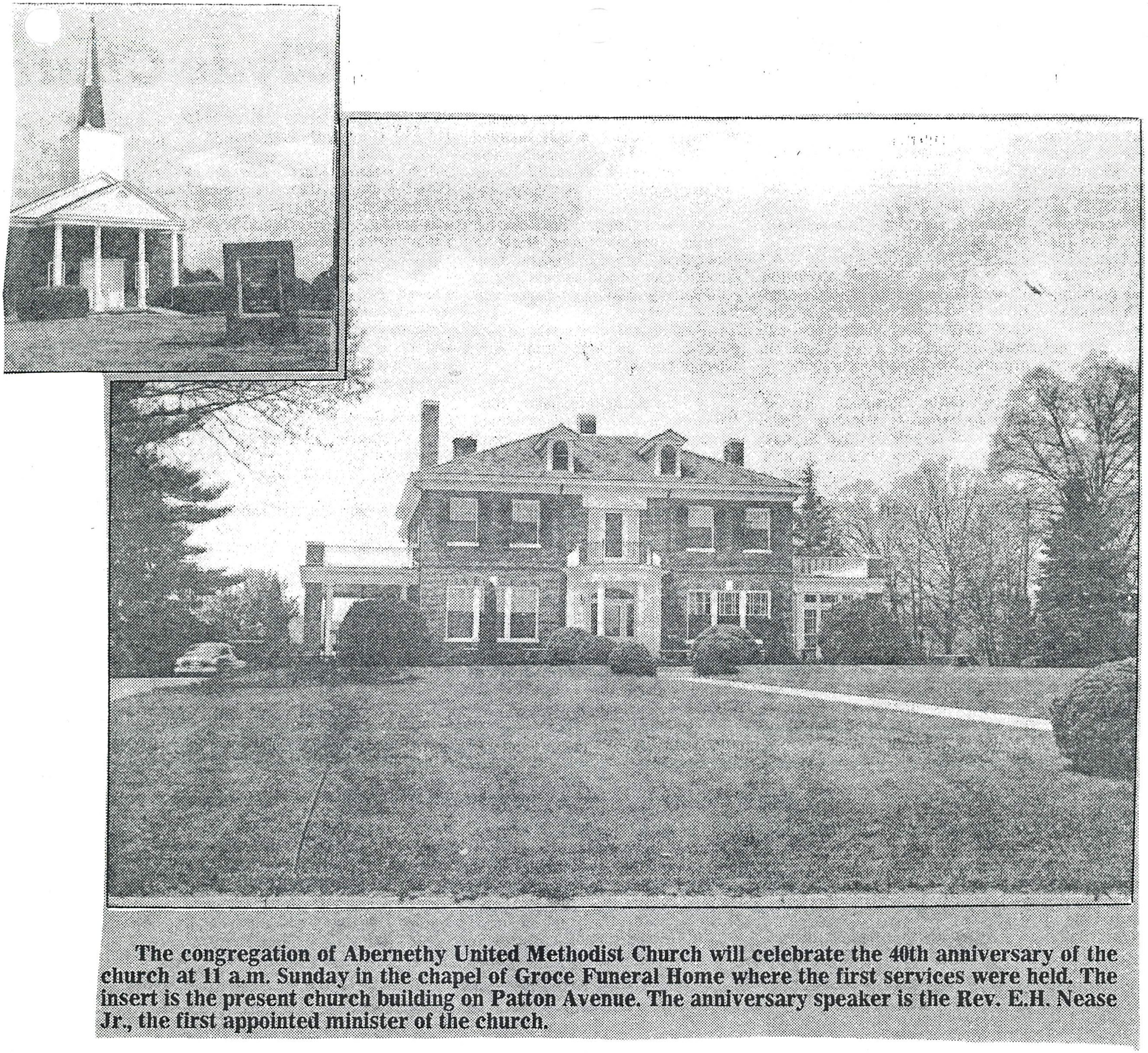
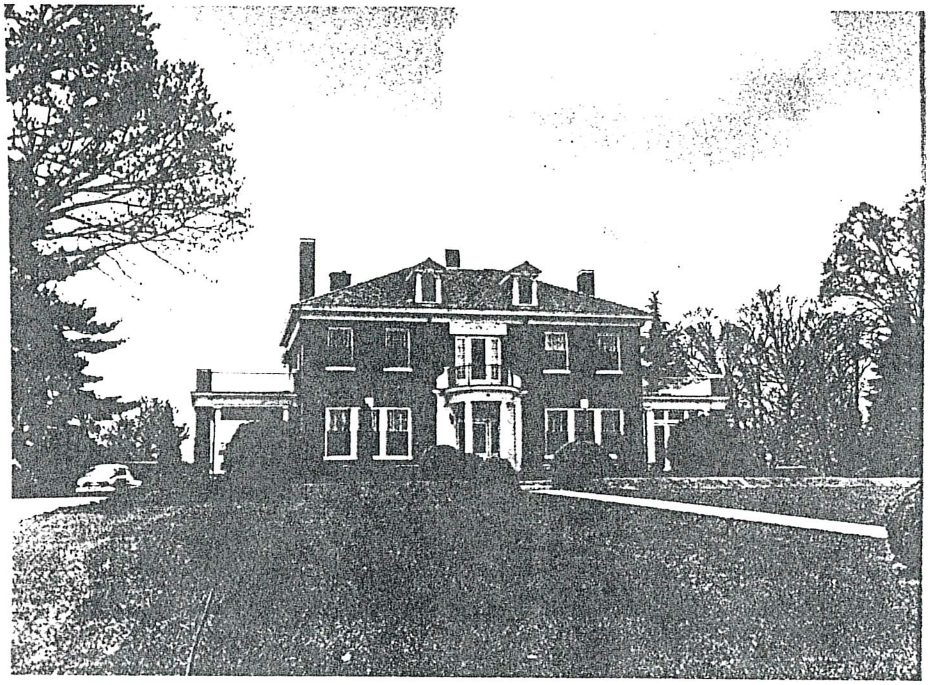


The congregation of Abernethy United Methodist Church will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the church at 11 a.m. Sunday in the chapel of Groce Funeral Home where the first services were held. The insert is the present church building on Patton Avenue. The anniversary speaker is the Rev. E.H. Nease Jr., the first appointed minister of the church.

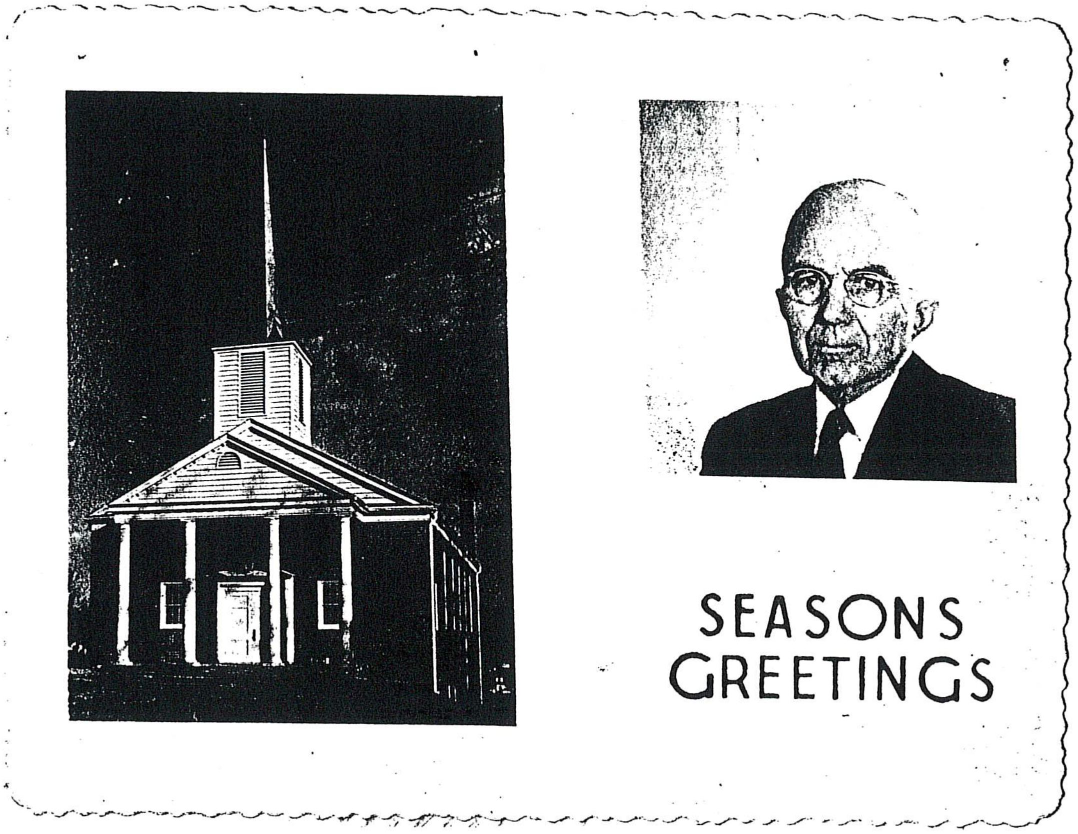
FIRST HOME OF ABERNETHY METHODIST CHURCH

Dunn and Groce Funeral Home as it appeared in 1946, when the congregation of Abernethy met in the reception room of Dr. R. E. Daniels, until a building could be built for the new church



DECEMBER 1948

Church held first service on December 19, 1948. This was the Christmas Card the church congregation had made that year.



First pastor of Abernethy United Methodist Church, Rev. T.A. Groce
Church begun by the Asheville Mission Society March 15, 1946.
Church named for Dr. Logan Berge Abernethy of the WNC Conference

HISTORY OF ABERNETHY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The first plans for the organization of a new Methodist Church in West Asheville were discussed at a meeting of the Asheville Mission Society on March 15, 1946. A Board of Managers was appointed and at a meeting of the Board on May 13, 1946, the name Abernethy was chosen for the new church to honor Dr. L. B. Abernethy President of the Board of Missions of the Western North Carolina Conference for many years.

The first organization meeting was held in the home of Mr. & Mrs. E. D. Chandler on October 1, 1946. The first service was held on September 26, 1946 in the reception room of Dr. R. E. Daniels, with the Rev. T. A. Groce as the Pastor. At this time the building was owned by Dunn and Groce Mortuary and was offered for the use of the new congregation. The Board of Missions of the Methodist Church extended a loan of $8,500 to the new church for the purchase of a church site. Donors to the new project were the Methodist Churches of the City of Asheville, especially the West Asheville Methodist Church, now Trinity Methodist Church, the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, the City Mission Board and many friends of Reverend T. A. Groce.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service was organized on January 14, 1947 with fourteen charter members. Presidents have been: Mrs. F. T. Reeder, Mrs. Robert W. Brown, Mrs. E. D. Chandler, Mrs. Emery Slack, Mrs. Alvin Warren, Mrs. Ray Young, Mrs. Ray Dixon, Mrs. E. J. Mathis, Mrs. Norburn Herndon, Mrs. Porter Harris, Mrs. Ralph Dean, Mrs. Jack Zachary, Mrs. Joe Hoffman, and Mrs. John English. Ground was broken for the new church building on March 26, 1947. The first building was an army chapel purchased at Camp Butner, N. C. This building was remodeled and erected on tn the present church site. Mr. Zeb Robinson was the contractor of the new building. Mr. Robinson gave very generously of his time, and the church was erected by him at the actual cost of materials and labor. The first service in the new church building was held on December 19, 1948.

In December, 1949, work was begun on the parsonage, located on Ormond Avenue. The parsonage was completed in September, 1950 and the entire furnishings of the parsonage were made possible by the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The educational building of the church was erected during the summer and fall of 1954. A great deal of volunteer labor was given on this building by the Men's Brotherhood and other members of the church. Mr. W. C. Wilson supervised construction and saved the church several thousand dollars in the total cost of the building. This building was dedicated November 19, 1961.

In the spring of 1965, a building fund drive was held for a new educational building, and over $50,000 pledged over a three-year period. On August 30, 1970, a Church Conference decided to proceed with a revised building program and to purchase a parsonage at a site away from the church. Construction on an eight-room educational building was begun in April, 1971, by Beverly Grant contractors. The new educational building was completed in the spring of 1972. A most adequate parsonage was purchased at 34 Sheppard Drive, in the Echo Hills section, following a "crash drive" in which $14,000 was raised. The parsonage family moved in the new parsonage on January 1, 1971; and the parsonage on Ormond Avenue was rented.

Rev. T. A. Groce retired as pastor of the church in September, 1950. Since that time the church has been served by the following ministers: E. H. Nease, Jr., Ernest A. Fitzgerald, W. B. A. Culp, R. T. Houts, Jr., G. G. Adams, Jr., John H. Christy, Jr., and Philip H. Gibbs.

From these small beginnings, Abernethy Methodist Church has grown to a church of 477 members with a total property and assets of $284,000. It has sent many young people out into useful careers and many people, who have been active members here, have continued their active service in other churches as they have moved to other communities.

The Youth program of Abernethy Church has been most noteworthy through the years. Summer assistants have greatly added to this phase of our work. The Scout programs (Boy, Girl, Cub, Brownie) have made a significant contribution to the life of the church and community. The Men's Brotherhood and United Methodist Women continue to be active and to lend much support to the cause of the Kingdom through Abernethy. Another phase of Christian mission that Abernethy has helped initiate and support is the Asheville-Buncombe Community Christian Ministry. This interdenominational organization was begun in 1969.

We are deeply thankful for all of whose lives have been blended with ours in Christian service in this place and in this congregation. We feel that the years ahead promise an even greater usefulness for this church as we seek to fulfill our mission to be the people of God in a fellowship of worship and service.

ABERNETHY HISTORY

~~Forty-six~~ Fifty-four years ago the Asheville Mission Society saw there was a need for another Methodist church in West Asheville. On March 15, 1946 a Board of Managers was appointed and the new church was born. Rev. T. A. Groce, a retired Methodist minister, was asked to guide the new church. The first organizational meeting was held on August 18, 1946, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Chandler with sixteen charter members present. A Board of Stewards was named and held the first meeting on October 1, 1946. The charter was closed on December 22, 1946 with 56 charter members.

The first church service was held on September 22, 1946, in the Dunn and Groce Funeral Home at 1155 Haywood Road. The Board of Missions loaned $8,500 to purchase the land to build a church building. A seven acre tract was purchased from the W. E. Shuford Estate and lots were sold on Ormond, Belmont and Darmouth Streets, leaving enough space for the present church, parsonage and parking.

On March 25, 1948, ground was broken for the church building at 1186 Haywood Road (now 1418 Patton Ave.). The church building prayer (sanctuary) was an army chapel at Camp Butner, Durham, N. C. It was bought from the U. S. Government for $1,500, and was stored at the Builder's Supply Company until Robinson Brothers Contractors rebuilt it on the present site. The new church was completed and the first service was held on 12/19/48.

In December 1949 work was begun on the parsonage located on Ormond Avenue behind the church. This parsonage was paid for completely by the Women's Society including the entire furnishings.

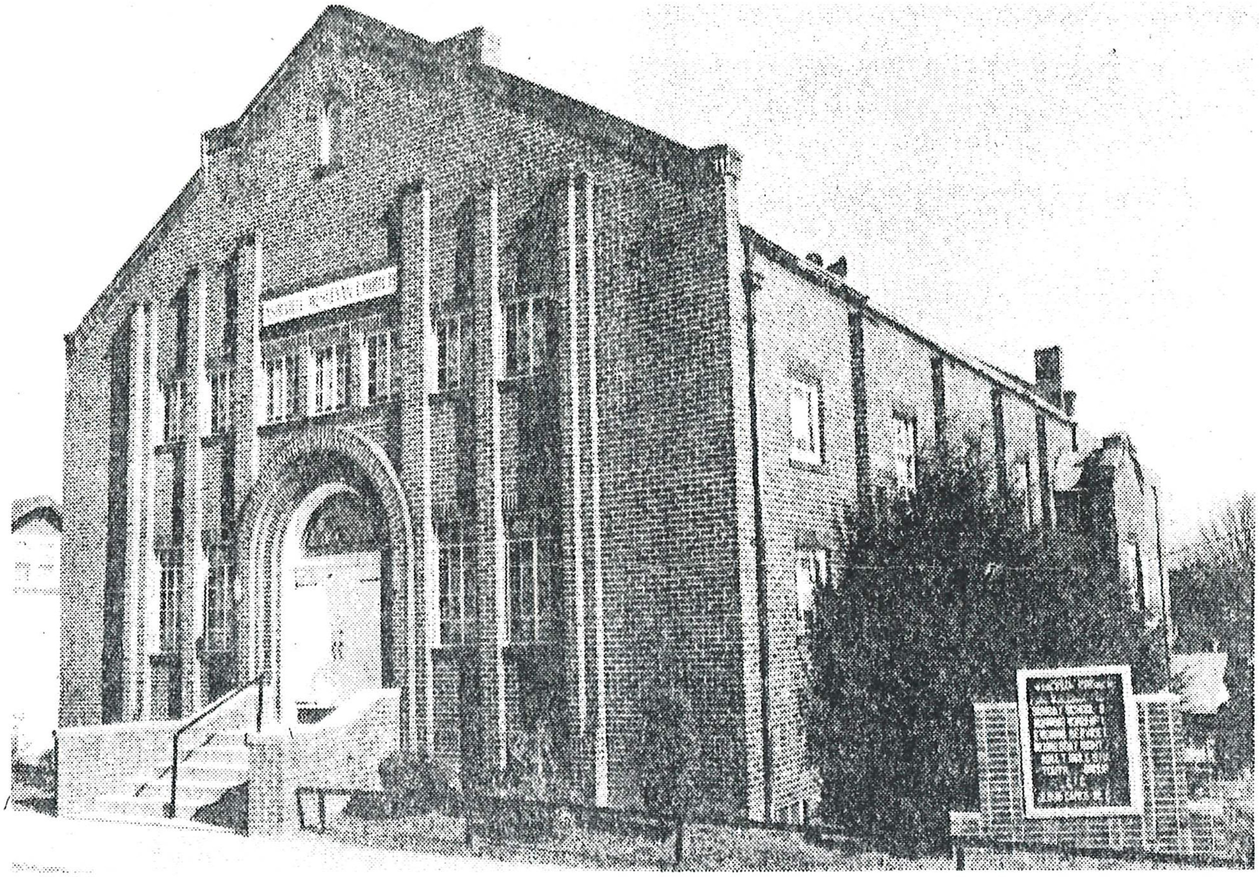
In September 1950 Mr. Groce retired again, and Rev. E. H. Nease, Jr., was appointed first minister by the W.N.C. conference to Abernethy. The church continued to grow and expand until additional space was needed. On June 8, 1954, ground breaking was held for a new educational building and was completed and opened for use on December 5, 1954.

Many wonderful events continued to happen at Abernethy and once again we were running out of space. The congregation, now 550 members, decided a children's building was needed and a building fund crusade was begin in May 1966.

In 1970 it was decided a parsonage was needed that was not in the back door of the church. A new parsonage was bought at 34 Sheppard Drive and the house on Ormond was sold. This remained the parsonage until 1989 when another one was purchased in Malvern Hills, and 34 Sheppard Drive was sold.

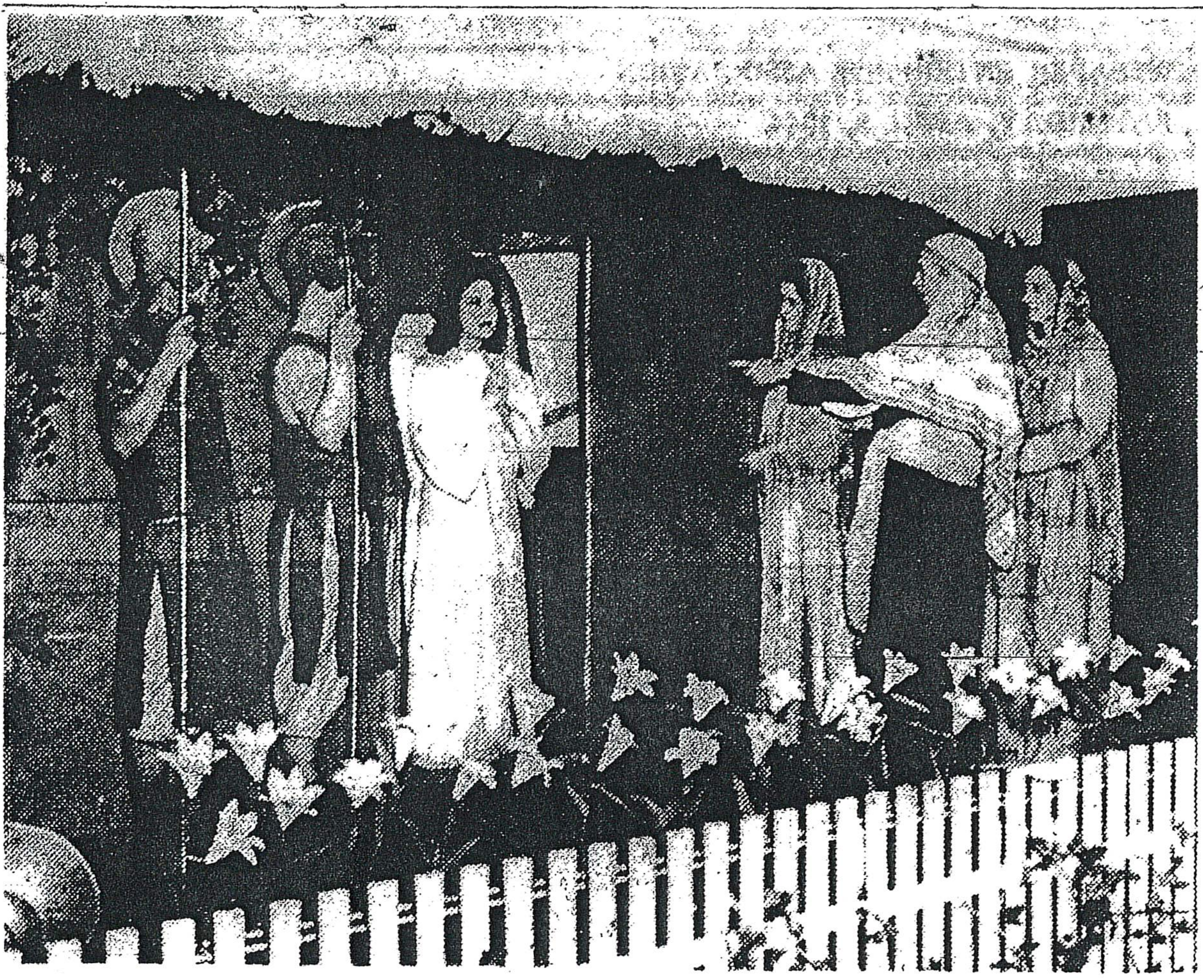
Abernethy has been fortunate to have many fine parsonage families assigned to guide the church and congregation in its continued spiritual and physical growth.

Asheville Wesleyan Church



CHURCH OF WEEK — The Asheville Wesleyan Church is located at 32 Richmond Ave. in West Asheville. The Rev. Paul Mullinax is pastor of the 200-member congregation. Sunday School is held at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday with morning worship at 11 a.m. Evening worship services are held at 6:30 p.m. Sunday and mid-week services at 7 p.m. Wednesday. The church was established in Asheville in 1912. (Staff Photo by Malcolm Gamble)

Trinity United Methodist Church



YOUNG PEOPLE TO PRESENT PAGEANT—"The Holy Sepulchre," a pageant of the Resurrection by Lyman R. Bayard, will be presented at the West Asheville Wesleyan Methodist church tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. It is sponsored by the Wesleyan Young People's society of the church, and depicts the events in the first Easter day. Appearing in the above picture are, left to right, Carroll Rickman, who takes the part of a Roman soldier; John Powell, a Roman soldier; Louise Whitton, of the angel chorus; Lucy Gilliam, as Mary; J. N. Gilliam, John, and Pauline Guthrie, Mary Magdalene. The five scenes of the pageant are "The Anointing of the Body," "Sealing of the Tomb," "The Resurrection," "Bribing the Roman Soldiers," and "An Epilogue." An angel chorus will sing between the scenes. Mrs. Dewey O. Miller is director of the production.

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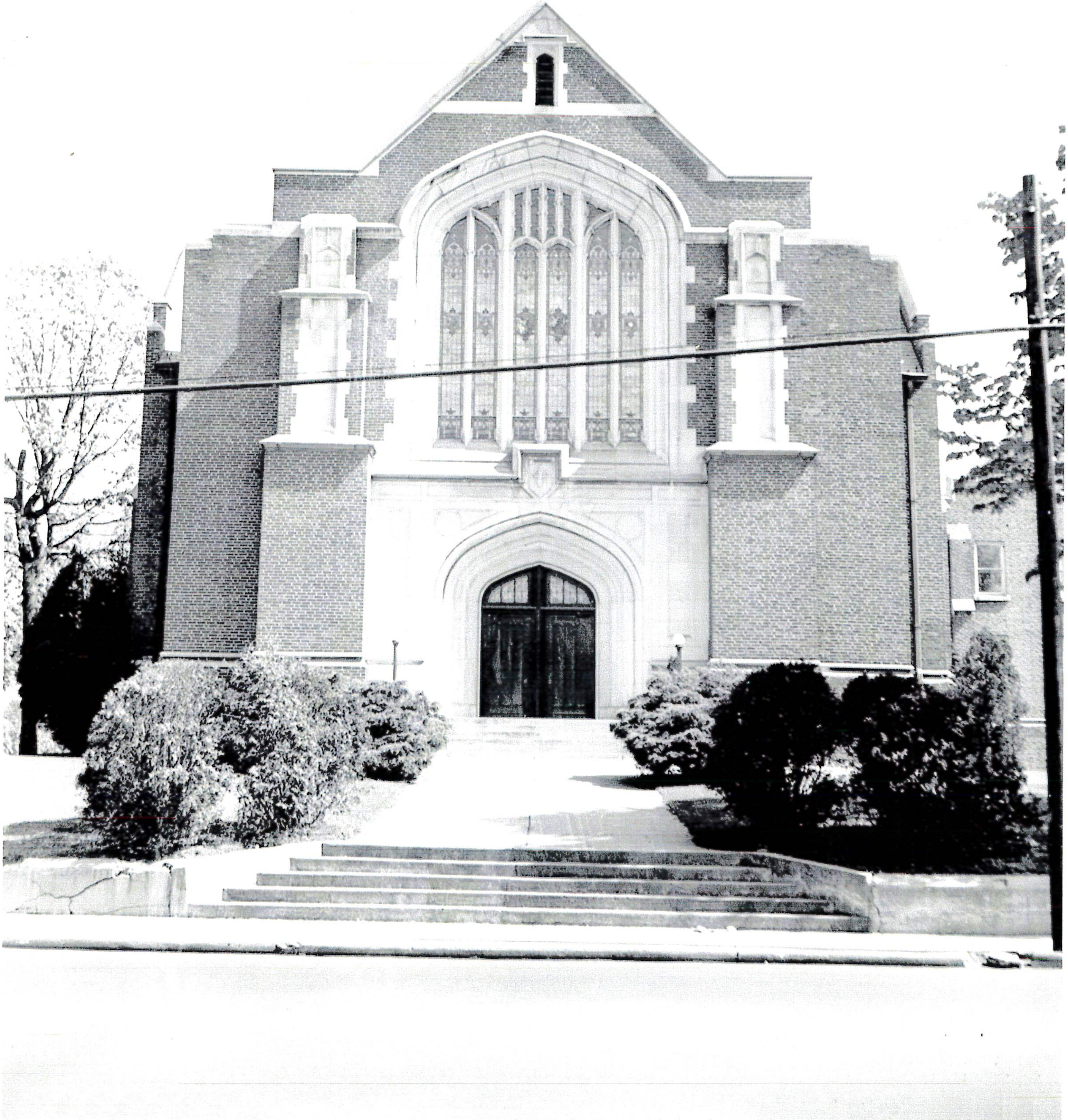
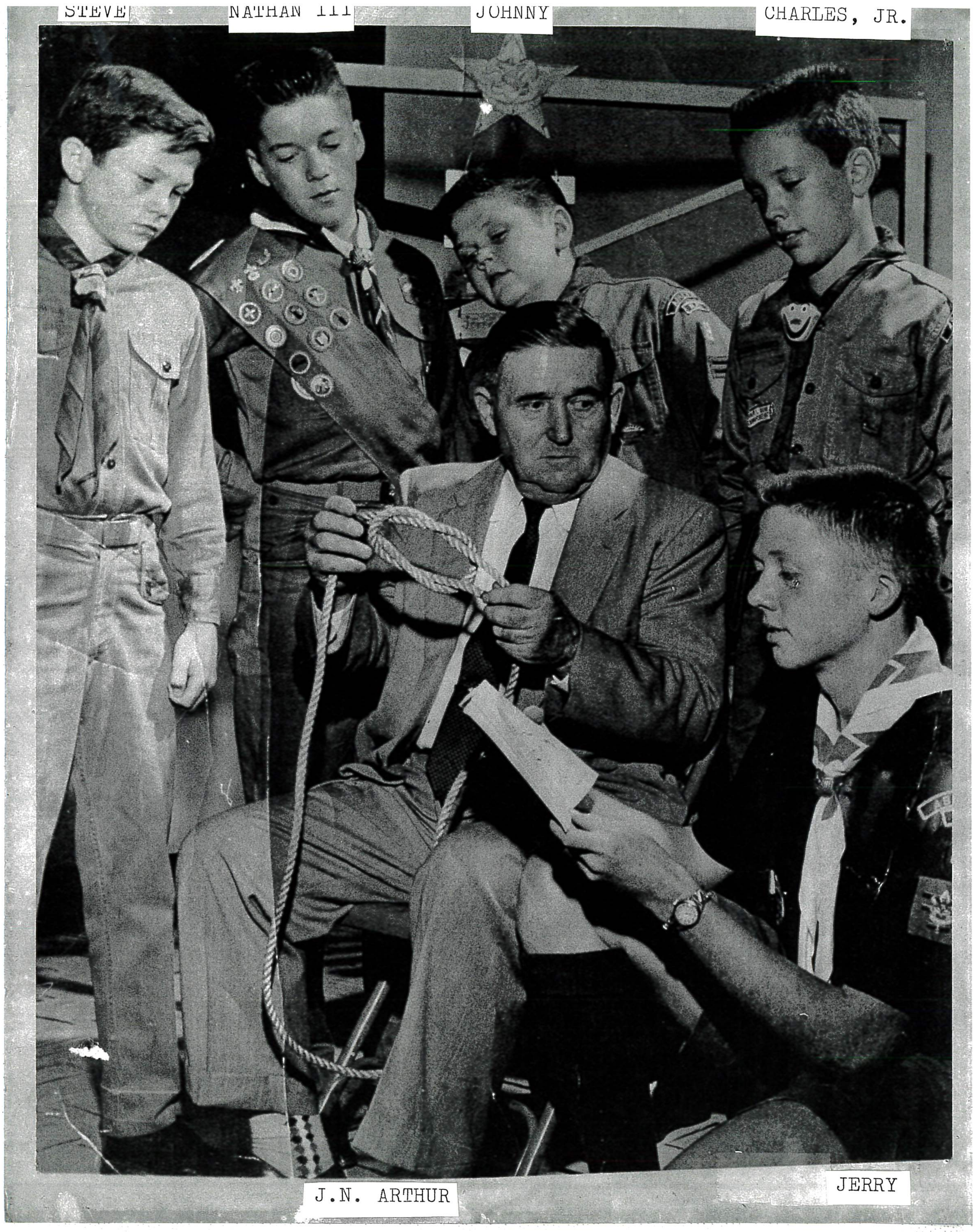
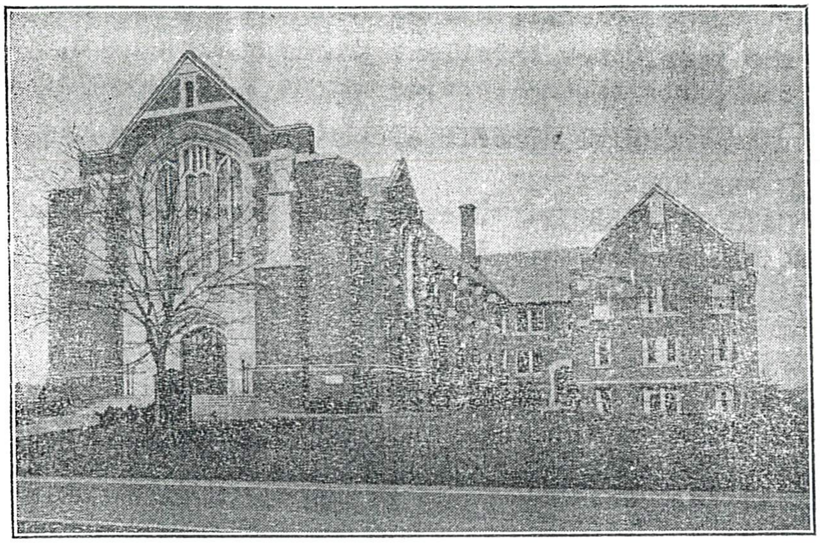
Dr. Robert C. Peurifoy, *Pastor*




STEVE
NATHAN III
JOHNNY
CHARLES, JR.
J.N. ARTHUR
JERRY

RUNS IN THE FAMILY -- In 1931, J. N. Arthur along with Robert Russell organized Boy Scout Troop 3 at Trinity Methodist Church. At the annual Scoutmaster's Court of Honor in City Auditorium tonight five of Arthur's grandsons will receive awards. Arthur, who was presented the Silver Beaver in 1941, served as scoutmaster of the troop for 12 years and is now a member of the troop committee. A son Charles W. Arthur is scoutmaster of the Troop. Here Jerry Starnes, who will receive Eagle rank tonight, checks in the scout handbook to see if grandfather can still tie the square knot. Looking on are Steve Starnes, Star; J. Nathan III, member of Troop 26, Avery's Creek, merit badge; Johnny Starnes, Star,and Charles W. Jr., first class.

West Asheville Methodist Church



West Asheville Methodist Church

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Haywood Road at Balm Grove Ave.
Asheville, North Carolina

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REV. EDGAR H. NEASE—PASTOR

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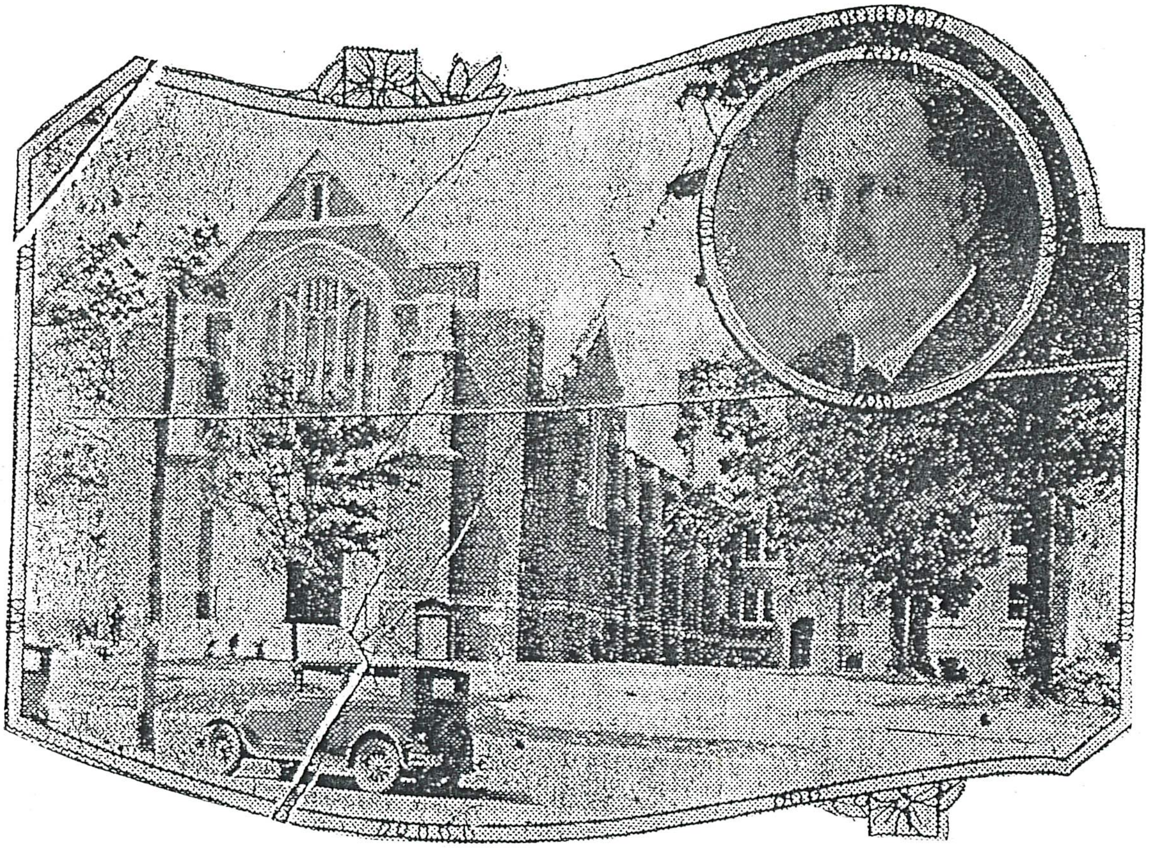
Asheville's Newest Methodist Church



The West Asheville Methodist Church on Haywood Rd.; Rev. J.S. Hiatt, pastor, which will be dedicated this morning by Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon of Charlotte. Inset: Rev. J.S. Hiatt

Dedicate West Asheville Methodist Church Today

Event Will Crown Eighty Years Of Vicissitudes, Unique Growth

Dedication of the West Asheville Methodist church this morning at 11 o'clock by Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon, will crown eighty years of vicissitudes and unique growth with an edifice measured by the character and progress of the times, and characteristic of the perculiar place of power that this congregation has grown to weild in the life of the community.

Born in the year 1847 as a tiny frame meeting house in what then was wilderness where mountain bears were wont to roam, the institution today has flowered until its outward symbol is now gothic sanctuary of brick and stone set down within a flourishing city that in less than a century has captured the land about it and grown up to house a great community.

The builders of this church were the men and women who make its congregation but the vision and the foresight and the courage that welded them into a spiritual unity and fanned the flames of their enthusiasm for the accomplishment of this task was the pastor, Rev. J. S. Hiatt.

Known throughout the conference as "The Church Builder," Rev. Mr. Hiatt today will see his eighth church dedicated. Nineteen months ago the Bishop sent him to West Asheville where on October 19, 1925, he began to lay the plans that will culminate today in the structure to be dedicated by Bishop Mouzon.

A beautiful program for the dedicatory services has been arranged as follows:

Organ Prelude—"Adoration" from the "Holy City."

Hymn No. 208—"I Love Thy Kingdom Lord".

Prayer—Dr. T. F. Glenn.

Anthem—"Cantate Domino"—Dudley Buck.

Scripture Reading—Psalm 84.

Opening the Church—Page 2.

Offertory—"Offertoire in A Flat."

Trio—"Praise Ye" from "Attila"—Verdi.

Sermon—Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon.

Hymn No. 489.

Doxology.

Benediction—Rev. J. F. Kirk.

Postlude—"Festal March."

This afternoon at 3 o'clock a special service will be held at which time a window will be presented to the church by the West Asheville Masonic Lodge No. 665. The principal address will be delivered by Thomas J. Harkins, United States District attorney.

The entire program for the occasion has been announced as follows:

Organ Prelde—"Serenade".

Hymn No. 180.

Prayer—Rev. L. W. Colson.

Anthem—"O God Light of the World."

Offertory—Violin Solo—by Miss Grace Logan.

Quartet—"Abide with Me," by Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Perkins, and Messrs. McRary and Miller.

Address—"Why are We Here" by Dr. J. G. Anderson, Chairman of the Building Committee.

Presenting Window to Church—by West Asheville Masonic Lodge.

Address—Thomas J. Harkins.

Acceptance of Window—by L. Lee Marr.

Quartet—"Remember Now Thy Creator."

Greetings from Mayor Gallatin Roberts.

Hymn No. 556.

Benediction and Postlude.

The West Asheville Methodist church originally was known as the Balm Grove church, a name it held from February 17, 1871, to the period of the World War, during which time the change was made to its present name.

It was as long ago as 1847 that the land was dedicated to church purposes having been deeded by Thomas L. Gaston to Georgia and Peter Miller for "Church and School" purposes in that year. It became a non-denominational meeting house and bore the name "Miller's Meeting House." It was regarded at that time as far out in the country.

In 1870, James Buttrick, an arrival from England, warmed with a desire to see the little frame structure become a Methodist church and so on February 14, 1871, the trustees deeded the structure over together with the land. The name was changed to Balm Grove Church.

The church passed back and forth through varying experiences, first as a part of the Sulphur Spring Circuit and later as part of the Leicester Circuit, but in 1907 it became a Station and the following were made trustees, according to the church records: S. D. Hall, J. D. Penland, W. D. Miller, W. T. Buttrick, John Machin, A. L. Bright, Solon Meadows, and Dr. P. B. Orr. Two years later the congregation erected the structure which was razed to make way for the edifice which formally succeeds it today.

The Board of Stewards who stood back of Mr. Hiatt so loyally in his hard labor to raise the necessary funds to rear this structure is composed of D. T. Jarrett, chairman, H. B. Posey, J. N. Jarrett, Dr. J. G. Anderson, W. V. Felmet, W. Kelly Roberts, I. M. Teague, W. J. Moore, J. Walter McRary, S. H. Jones, Dr. P. B. Orr, Weldon Penland, George C. Osborne, L. Lee Marr, T. B. Dysart, W. S. McRary, F. G. Shepherd, R. S. Hollingsworth, Hugh C. Hall, Charles M. Cook, D. F. McElwain, George W. Davis, W. B. Westall, E. W. Roberts, Solon Hyder, Joe M. Baker, Clyde Taylor, L. J. Brookshire, John Kille, Cauley Ebbs, Graham Brown, and C. T. Byerly.

The following is the list of officers in charge of the various activities of the church:

Dr. J. G. Anderson, Chairman Building Committee; J. W. McRary, Secretary Building Committee; H. B. Posey, Treasurer Building Committee; J. V. Roberts, Chairman Jr. Board of Stewards; Dr. P. B. Orr, Chairman Finance Committee; Mrs. J. L. Martin, President Woman's Missionary Society; Mrs. E. W. Young, Superintendent Young People's Missionary Society; Mrs. F. G. Shepherd, Superintendent Jr. Missionary Society; Clyde M. Taylor, President Sr. Enworth League; Miss Grace Bishop, President Intermediate League; Graham Brown, Treasurer Superannuated Fund; Mrs. J. J. Mackey, Treasurer Christian Education; T. F. Glenn, D. D., Agent Christian Literature; Mrs. M. D. Shook, Superintendent Home Department; W. V. Felmet, Treasurer Sunday School; C. M. Cook, Secretary Sunday School; Mrs. C. M. Cook, Superintendent Cradle Roll Department; Mrs. M. R. Adams, Superintendent Beginners Department; Mrs. Frank Rhymer, Superintendent Senior-Intermediate Department; D. T. Jarrett, Superintendent Junior Department; Mrs. Whitt Gaskins, Superintendent Young People's Department; Miss Irene Hall, Superintendent Primary Department; Mrs. O. C. Hodges and Mrs. H. K. Keever, Superintendent Kindergarten Work; W. Kelly Rogers, Scout Master; W. A. Kilgo, Assistant Scout Master.

The Board of Trustees is composed of the following nine members: S. D. Hall, J. N. Jarrett, J. G. Anderson, W. B. Westall, W. S. McRary, A. L. Bright, P. B. Orr, E. W. Roberts, and Graham [illegible]

The membership of the church is now 904 and the 19 months of service of Rev. Mr. Hiatt 202 members have been added to the church roll. During his time with this church funds have been raised and three chapels built in Korea. The present edifice is the eighth church Rev. Mr. Hiatt has built in 14 years.

Though the structure is notable for its simplicity every department of church work is amply provided for for many years to come. The main church body contains the Church Auditorium, with a beautiful choir lift and a gallery, the Church Office, the Pastor's Study, a Ladies Parlor, a Young Men's Class Room, and special rooms for primary, beginners and young peoples departments.

On the top floor of the structure will be located a Sunday school room, a Men's Bible class room, and rooms for Senior and Intermediate departments.

In the basement will be a mother's room, rooms for Cradle roll and Junior departments, a social hall with seating capacity over 400, a kitchen and a serving room.

The Sunday school rooms have been so provided as to care for 1,200 pupils. The enrollment of the Sunday schools is now 852. The main church auditorium will have a seating capacitly between 800-900 persons.

The pews of the church are donations of Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Anderson. The lighting fixtures were donated by Mr. and Mrs. W. S McRary, and the pulpit furniture by Arthur Patton. A beautiful communion table was presented by Mrs. H. B. Roosey.

The music today will be furnished by the choir of the church which now contains 24 members as follows:

C. H. Thompson, director, Mrs. E. C. Griffin, Mrs. Dorcas Evans, Mrs. L. Kate Ledwell, Mrs. M. V. Smith, Mrs. W. S. Parkins, Mrs. W. S. McRary, Mrs. M. R. Adams, Mrs. R. T. Harwel, Miss Ruth Evans, Miss Mabel Kerr, Miss Ruth Ledwell, Miss Ruby London, Mrs. Eugene Byerly, Miss Grace Bishop, Mrs Geo. C. Osborne, Messrs. Walter McRary, Weldon Penland, Burton McElwane, Chas. Byerly, Roy Byerly, Thos. Johnson, M. R. Adams, J. G. Shroaf, R. R. Miller.

The church was designed by the firm of Thrower and Breeze, architects and was erected by Palmer-Spivey company of Charlotte. The contract was awarded to them March 6, 1926, and ground was broken immediately. The actual work on the structure commenced March 23, 1926. The work was personally directed by V. W. Breeze.

Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon, of Charlotte, who will delicate the West Asheville Methodist church this morning.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1934

Had Winning Dolls In Show Here

Two of the prize winners in the West Asheville doll show staged yesterday are shown here with their large dolls displayed at the show in the Bledsoe building under auspices of Mrs Robert Russell's class of Intermediate girls of West Asheville Methodist church. At left is little Margaret Robinson whose doll took the prize as the prettiest in the show and at right is Alberta Evans who won two prizes.

Dolls Are Displayed In Contest

Approximately 200 dolls representing between 60 and 70 entries were shown in the West Asheville doll show in the Bledsoe building yesterday under auspices of Mrs. Robert Russell's intermediate girls class of West Asheville Methodist church. Adults as well as children had dolls in the contest.

Prize winners for the various classifications were announced as follows: Miss Helen Devendorf, best collection of dolls by a child. Frances Mitchell, best miniature furniture; Margaret Ensley, best baby doll; Eleanor May best dressed doll. Margaret Robinson prettiest doll. Betty Russell, best story about a doll; Alberta Evans, ugliest doll. Miss Helen Devendorf, most original; Miss Irene Logan, of Child Garden school, best collection of dolls by an adult; Mrs. J A Marshall, best dressed boy doll; Mary Marshall Mitchell cutest doll; Alberta Evans, best individual furniture for a doll which was an antique handmade corded bed. Miss Helen Devendorf, smallest doll. Jean Russell, best furniture; Betty Russell, smallest carriage; Jaqueline Freeman, most human doll; Mrs. H. O. DeLoach oldest doll which was 75 years old. Roberta Wade doll with prettiest hair; Mrs. W. A. Blair, most unique doll, and Geraldine Robinson, largest. Judges also commended the entry of Mrs. Arta Blanchard which was received too late to compete but was on display.

Judges for the doll show were Mrs. E. O Lewis, Mrs. C E. Roberts and Mrs. Preston Thomas. Miss Beatrice Netherton was general chairman of the show.

M. L. Lasnby was winner of the homespun donated by Fred L. Seely which was given away during the show.

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DEDICATION *of*
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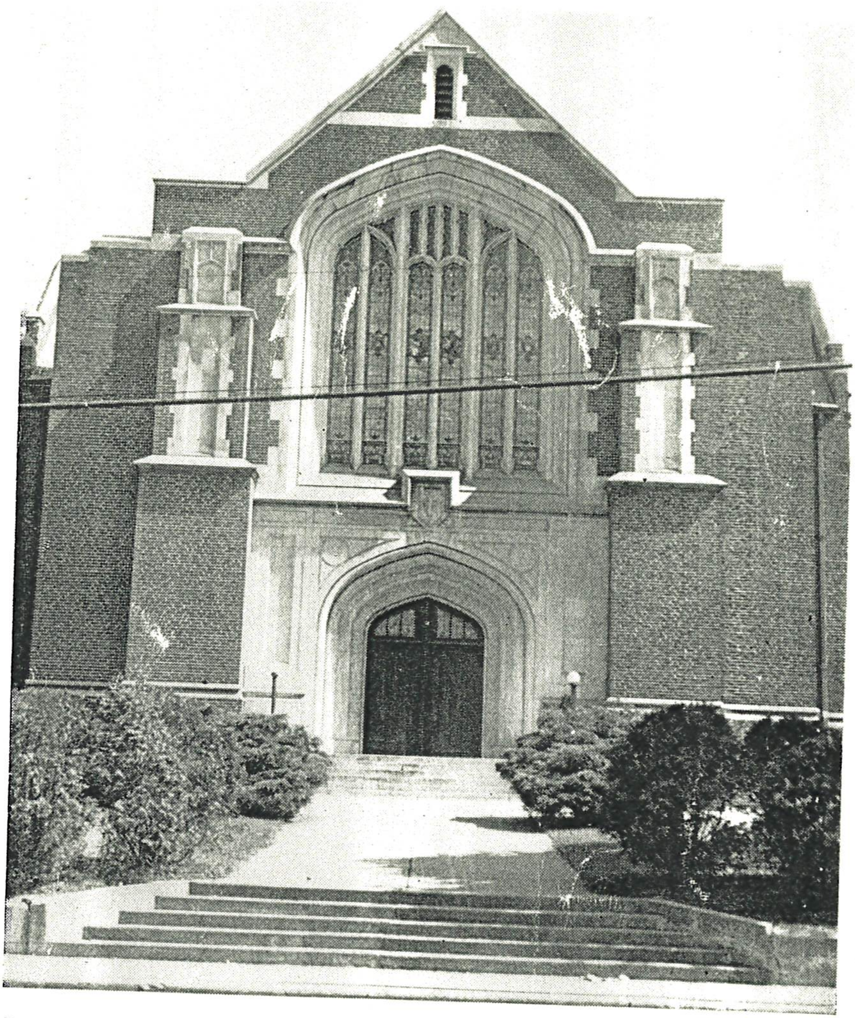


Joseph W. Fitzgerald	*Pastor*
A. C. Gibbs	*District Superintendent*
Clare Purcell	*Bishop of the Charlotte Area*
Miss Viola Ownbey	*Church Secretary and Organist*
C. J. Ebbs	*Chairman Board of Stewards*
J. Walter McRary	*Superintendent Church School*
C. H. Dickson	*Charge Lay Leader*
Mrs. Roy P. Byerly	*President Woman's Society of Christian Service*
J. F. Brown	*Church Treasurer*

HISTORY

of

WEST ASHEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

(Written by Miss Terrie Buttrick and J. Walter McRary)

Nearly a century ago a saintly man named Peter Miller had a vision which finally materialized into a sanctuary for the worship of God. Mr. Miller lived in a sparsely populated community west of Asheville. As he worked on his farm, he meditated upon God's word and longed for a "Meeting House" where his family and neighbors might meet to worship God and where the children might attend "Day School."

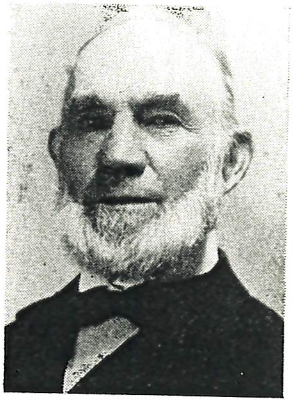
One day as Mr. Miller walked along the Haywood Road atop of the hill beyond his home, he admired the beautiful grove of trees on the north side of the road. At that moment he visualized a sanctuary erected to the glory of God, among those trees. He related his experience to his wife Betsy and to his brother George. They hoped and prayed that the vision might be realized and the beautiful place among the majestic trees might become holy ground. Today on that spot stands the West Asheville Methodist Church.

The oldest record we have is a deed made by Thomas L. Gaston and dated September 6, 1847. It was given, so the deed states, "for the benefit of the neighborhood." George and Peter Miller were named as trustees. George and Peter Miller gave the remainder of the land, including the part where the parsonage stands.

A small frame building was erected. It was furnished with rough benches, a small pulpit, a wood-burning stove and kerosene wall lamps. The building was called the "Miller Meeting House." It was used for Sunday services and day school.

"Uncle George" Miller was the father of Peter and George W. Miller. He and "Uncle Johnnie" Reynolds were local Methodist preachers. One of them preached the first sermon. The first day school teacher was Mrs. M. E. Hutsell. The little church was non-denominational, and ministers of other denominations preached there. Class or testimony meetings were held once a month. George W. Miller was the first class leader.

The earliest records of membership were in the form of "Class Books" in which the members were marked present or absent. The first year about forty-five were enrolled. The family names predominating on these records are Alexanders, Brookshires, Clarks, Collins, Cowans, Ducketts, Gastons, Hughes, Jarretts, Ledfords, Millers, and Wrights. The church was on the Leicester Circuit and belonged to the Holston Conference. There are indications that the Reverend E. F. Sevier was the first presiding elder, and the Reverend J. S. Burnett the first pastor.



JAMES BUTTRICK
Supt. S. S. for 33 Years

In 1858 the membership numbered sixty-four. That year "Uncle Peter" Miller was chosen class leader and served until his death, March 8, 1882. The beautiful memorial window in the present church reminds us of the splendid service he rendered to the West Asheville community.

In the year 1870 another consecrated Christian, James Buttrick, of Epworth, England, joined heart and hand with the founders in an effort to make the Miller Meeting House larger and of more service to the community. He had a desire to have it organized into a Southern Methodist Church. Through his influence the heirs made a deed over to the Church on February 17, 1871. "It was done," the deed says, "for and in consideration for the love we have for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South." The deed was signed by Peter

Miller, Elizabeth Miller, Canada Cowan, Mary C. Cowan George W. Miller, C. E. Miller, L. F. Miller, N. J. Miller, Annie Miller, J. B. Gaston and Parley Gaston.

Dr. S. S. Grant, member of Central Church, had been Sunday School superintendent. He resigned and James Buttrick took his place. He accepted the responsibility as a sacred trust and worked with untiring energy and devotion to enlarge the Sunday School and build a bigger church in membership and building. Soon the building was enlarged to almost twice its original size. The name was changed to Balm Grove, because of the Balm of Gilead trees growing on the lot. Presiding Elders serving this church previous to 1878 were as follows: E. F. Sevier, P. W. Patty, William Hicks, and James S. Kennedy. Pastors serving in this period were: J. F. Burnett, T. M. Dula, J. D. Baldwin, A. F. English, S. S. Weatherly (first term), and W. D. Mitchell

On April 2, 1871, Mr. Buttrick organized the Balm Grove Sunday School with the following officers: J. P. Gaston, Secretary; Mrs. Dorcas Reynolds, Mrs. E. A. Luther, and Mrs. M. E. Hutsell, teachers. The pastor preached once a month. Dr. J. S. Kennedy, President of Asheville Female College, and "Uncle Johnnie" Reynolds supplemented the work of the pastor by holding prayer meetings and preaching in the homes and church.

In 1878 the Leicester Circuit was divided and the Supluhur Springs circuit was formed. Balm Grove was included in the new circuit. The church records were retained by the Leicester circuit. Thus, for nineteen years, we have no records. At the time the circuit was divided the following persons were made trustees of Balm Grove Church: James Buttrick, Peter Miller, J. P. Gaston, D. J. McLellan, W. H. Hawkins, and Avery Alexander. James Kennedy was Presiding Elder and S. S. Weatherly was pastor.

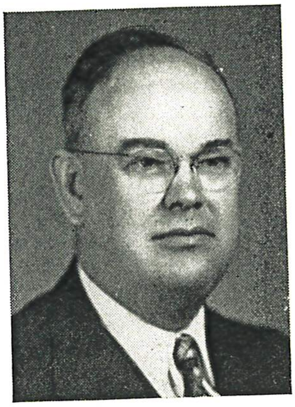
Since that time the following Presiding Elders have served in order: A. J. Frazier, K. C. Atkins, C. L. Carroll, J. H. Weaver, C. W. Byrd, Dan Atkins, W. H. Willis, L. T. Cordell, C. A. Wood, R. G. Tuttle, H. C. Sprinkle, J. F. Kirk, D. M. Litaker, W. B. West, M. T. Smathers and A. C. Gibbs.

In 1878 the Reverend J. T. Stover became Pastor, and the following succeeded him in order: W. D. Akers, A. W. Curtis, J. F. Austin, W. M. Boring, J. T. Stover (second time), J. H. Moore, J. A. Clark, W. LeGette, W. G. Mallonee, R. M. Taylor, J. H. Brendall, M. B. Stokes, M. F. Moores, R. E. Atkinson, Z. E. Barnhardt, D. Atkins, J. F. Armstrong, S. T. Barber, E. W. Fox, L. W. Colson, J. S. Hiatt, G. T. Bond, Carlock Hawk, E. H. Nease, A. C. Tippett, H. C. Sprinkle, Jr., T. A. Groce, N. C. Williams, and J. W. Fitzgerald.

This church has always emphasized missions and temperance. James Buttrick organized the first Juvenile Missionary Society in the Conference and named it "Epworth Plants," in honor of John Wesley's birthplace. Later this society became affiliated with the Conference organization called Light Bearers. He organized, also, the temperance society called Band of Hope for children and young people. During his stewardship a temperance hall was built on top of the church for the organization called The Sons of Temperance. He started the first library in the Sunday School, and W. D. Miller was the first librarian.

Mr. Buttrick served as Superintendent for thirty-three years. On September 20, 1903, this faithful servant of the church and his Lord went to his Eternal Home. S. D. Hall was appointed the next Superintendent of the Sunday School, and gave eighteen years to this service. Those following him in order are: John Kille, C. W. Brown, D. T. Jarrett, J. W. McRary, John Ehle, L. J. Brookshire, O. C. Mills, and J. W. McRary (second time).

Statistics show a steady increase in membership and finance. In 1871 there were 350 members in the entire circuit. Now this church has a membership of 1,200. In 1907 the church was made a station. The congregation grew so rapidly after that the building would not accommodate both adults and children; therefore the children were sent home after Sunday school to make room for the adults to come



J. W. McRARY
Present Superintendent

to church. So a new and larger church was erected. The records show that the cornerstone for the first brick church was laid June 5, 1909. The membership at that time was 190. When this building was dedicated the name was changed to West Asheville Methodist Church.

A few years later a Sunday School class started a project that eventually caused the trustees to order a new and larger church to be built. This was the Baraca Class, taught by Miss Terrie E. Buttrick. The president of the class was Frank P. Rymer, Sr., and the treasurer was J. Walter McRary. The class room was situated on the northeast end of the balcony. It was a wide awake, enthusiastic class of young men. Soon the class grew too large for the room. The boys decided to excavate a place under the church and build a room large enough to accommodate the size of the class. Night after night the boys met and used pick and shovel until there was an alarmingly big cavity beneath the church. The church authorities, fearing there would be a cave-in of the church walls, called a halt on the young enthusiasts. But these same trustees being awakened to the realization of the necessity of having a larger and better equipped church building, began to plan for it.

The Reverend J. S. Hiatt was appointed pastor of the West Asheville Methodist Church October 19, 1925. Almost immediately after his arrival, in fact on November 17th, the first meeeting was called to discuss the plans for a new church building. At a meeting on December 1st, contract for drawing the plans was awarded to the firm of Thrower and Breeze, Mr. Breeze being present for discussions with the board and the building committee. The plans were completed, examined by the building committee, and presented to the Board of Stewards on February 2, 1926. They were accepted, and on March 6th the general contract was awarded to Palmer-Spivey Company. Ground was broken immediately, and on March 26th actual construction began. The work was rushed as much as possible by building the educational building first, just behind the old church building. While the auditorium was being built, the two large rooms in the east end of the basement were used for an auditorium, the present partitions being left out during that period. The building was completed in 1927, and on May 29, 1927, Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon conducted the consecration service.

The building committee for the church was as follows: Dr. J. G. Anderson, Sr., Chairman; J. W. McRary, Secretary; H. B. Posey, Treasurer; Dr. P. B. Orr, D. T. Jarrett, J. N. Jarrett, H. O. DeLoach, S. H. Jones, S. D. Hall, W. B. Westall, W. V. Felmet, and L. Lee Marr.

The contract price was for $125,000.00, but the entire cost, including the stained glass windows, pews, lights, etc., most of which were donated by members and friends, amounted to something over $148,000.00.

It is a well known fact that the congregation had its ups and downs, too numerous to chronicle, during the years that followed. The crash of the stock market, with the resultant bank failures, personal property losses and business failures, all contributed to the hardships. Every pastor sent to the church did his best, and each accomplished something. Suffice it to say that the members labored during the years against almost insurmountable difficulties, and when the present pastor arrived, the unpaid balance was $47,500.00. In December, 1943, a supper meeting was held to discuss the church debt, and in answer to a challenge from the Conference Committee on Church Indebtedness, the official board accepted their offer of a donation of $10,000.00 if the West Asheville Church in turn would raise $15,000.00. A committee was appointed, and its efforts were so successful, under the leadership of the pastor, that it was decided to just raise it all during the year 1944. This was done, and announced at the Christmas service, December 24th.

Along with the physical, spiritual, and numerical growth of the church, another potent factor should not be overlooked. From the beginning the church was missionary-minded. The early organizations of The Golden Links for young people, The Light Bearers for children, and the Woman's Missionary Society produced fruit and the influence reaches out in many directions. Three former members of the church went out as missionaries to foreign fields, namely: The Reverend M. B. Stokes to Korea, Miss Terrie Buttrick to Mexico, and Miss Kate B. Hackney to China. Others went as teachers in mission schools, namely: Mrs. Eula B. Nichols to Mexico, Mrs. Nell R. Renfro to Cuba, Mrs. G. C. Gaither to Mexico, and Mrs. Frank Rymer to Cuba. The Church built three churches in Korea.

During the building of the present church the Woman's Society of Christian Service had no little part in the financial burden. Their untiring efforts during all the years were an inspiration. Under various leaders, they actually paid the interest on the debt, and did no small part in the last drive. This missionary cultivation through the years no doubt is responsible for the success in the Crusade for Christ campaign. The brightest spot in the history of the church is the fact that immediately following the paying of the $47,500 debt in one year, the church gave $6,168.00 in cash and pledges, when it was asked for only $3,500.00.

Five members of our church have lived through the development of the church from its infancy and are now residing in West Asheville. They are Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Reynolds, N. A. Collins, R. L. Duckett, and Perry Alexander.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(JULY 1ST)

CHURCH SCHOOL DAY

Next Sunday Church School Day will be observed at the 11 o'clock service in connection with the closing exercises of the Vacation Church School. Mrs. H. V. Brookshire and her workers will be in charge of this program.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are given by Misses Nell, Kate, Minnie, and Amy Hackney, George L. Hackney and P. E. Hackney, in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Hackney, who, with their children, were members of this church for many years, and contributed much to the progress of the church in its early days.

THE CHRISTIAN FLAG

For a long time our church has felt the need of having a Christian Flag the same size as that of our national flag. Through the generosity of the Buttrick family, our church today is presented with this beautiful emblem. The flag is given in tender, loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. James Buttrick by their daughters and sons: Misses Emalie and Terrie Buttrick, Mrs. Archie Nichols, Mrs. Frank P. Rymer and William Turner Buttrick, all of Asheville, N. C.; also by Mrs. M. F. Moores of Glen Alpine, N. C., and James A. Buttrick of Detroit, Michigan.

HISTORY OF WEST ASHEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

The West Asheville Methodist Church had its inception in the year 1847, the records showing that Thomas L. Gaston deeded to George and Peter Miller one acre of land on Haywood road, to be used for "church and school purposes." The deed bears the date September 6, 1847. The two Millers were named as trustees.

In a brief period, a small frame building was erected and used for day schools and Sunday services. Both school and church were non-denominational, and ministers of various denominations preached. The building became known as the Miller meeting house.

The meeting house won the interest and support of James Buttrick, native of Epworth, England, in 1870. He desired that the little church become identified with the Southern Methodist Church. And through his efforts, the property was deeded to the Southern Methodist church in 1871—February 17.

In the deed of conveyance were these words: For and in consideration of the love we have for the Methodist Episcopal church, South." It may be interesting to note that the deed of conveyance had on it the following signatures: Peter Miller, Elizabeth, C. Cowan, Mary C. Cowan, George W. Miller, C. E. Miller, L. F. Miller, N. J. Miller, Annie Miller, M. E. Gaston, G. L. Miller, Eliza Miller, J. P. Gaston and Parley Gaston.

The church's name was changed from Miller's meeting house to Balm Grove church. In a short time, the building was enlarged to more than twice its original size.

The Sunday school was organized April 2, 1871, with the following officers and teachers: The Rev. S. S. Grant, superintendent; James Buttrick, assistant superintendent; J. P. Gaston, secretary; Mrs. Dorcas Reynolds, Mrs. E. A. Luther and Mrs. M. E. Hutsell, teachers. The enrollment in the early days of the Sunday school was 50.

The Sunday school became a real help to the church and the result was that the church continued to increase its influence in the community.

The church was made a part of the Sulphur Springs cicuit in 1871. The earliest record of the church membership shows a total of 64 names, with the Rev. T. M. Dula as preacher in charge, G. W. Miller as class leader, and the Rev. P. W. Patty as presiding elder. Thhis was in 1856. In the period Mr. Patty served as elder, the Rev. J. D. Baldwin also served as the pastor. The Rev. William Hicks became presiding elder, and the Rev. A. F. English, pastor, in 1858.

Records of the church are not available for the period 1859-1878. In the division of the Sulphur Springs circuit, the record books went to the Leicester circuit.

At that time, the following were listed as trustees: James Buttrick, James M, Jarrett, Peter Miller, J. P. Gaston, D. J. McLellan, W. H. Hawkins and Avery Alexander.

In 1878, the Rev. James S. Kennedy was presiding elder and the Rev. S. S. Weatherly was pastor.

Balm Grove church was taken off the Sulphur Springs circuit in 1907 and converted into a station—a charge—and the following were made trustees: S. D. Hall, J. D. Penland, W. D. Miller, W. T. Buttrick, John Machin, A. L. Bright, Solon Meadows and Dr. P. B. Orr. Two of these men—Mr. Hall and Mr. Bright—have been again elected on the board of trustees for 1936-37.

In 1909, the congregation erected the brick structure which was later razed in 1926 to give way to the present modern church and Sunday school plant. The church served its community during a period when West Asheville advanced from a mere community into a large surburb of the city of Asheville.

It was during this period 1909-1926 that the name of the church was again changed, this time becoming the West Asheville Methodist Episcopal church, South.

The new church—the one now in use— was erected during the pastorate of the Rev. Joseph S. Hiatt. Mr. Hiatt won acclaim throughout the Western North Carolina conference as a "church builder".

The year the congregation began worshipping in the new structure, the Rev. John F. Kirk (now deceased) began a four-year term as presiding elder of the Aseville district.

Mr. Hiatt served four years as pastor at West Aseville, then being succeeded by the Rev. G. T. Bond. Mr. Bond, who served the charge two years, was liked by all.

At the completion of Mr. Bond's stay here, the Rev. Carlock Hawk, now of Florida, was assigned to the charge. Under Mr. Hawk, the church succeeded in getting a resonable rate of interest on the large indebtedness on the new church buildding. Visits by Mr. Hawk to the office of the creditors in Chattanooga, Tenn., resulted in a reduction in the interest rate from six per cent to one and one-half per cent and numerous "gifts" of accrued interest items. The debt load of the church was substantially lightened by Mr. Hawk's tireless efforts.

It was during this same pastor's period of service that a large number of members—those who could not be accounted for in any way—were stricken from the rolls. The net decrease in the membership was msall, however, for a large number of persons joined the church about that time.

The already well-organized Sunday school added still another feature—the younger adults department—during Mr. Hawk's time. Young persons too old to be in the young people's department yet too young for the adult department found themselves well content to worship by themselves as a part of the adult division.

Mr. Hawk served the church three years, and upon his transfer by the Bishop to Lincolnton, the Rev. E. H. Nease, formerly of the Charlotte district, was sent to Asheville. From the first, Mr. Nease has proven to be a capable leader and organizer. He has deepened the spiritual life of the church and has inspired the church school (formerly Sunday school) to strive for even greater goals.

While the financial problem that has been associated with the church a number of years is yet to be removed, there is a spirit of cooperation among leaders to be envied by the leading churches in the conference. The financial problem—getting enough pledges and offereings to properly operate and pay salaries, as well as pay interest and principal on the debt—seems less aggravating this year than in previous years and may disappear as mysteriously as it came.

The present day finds the West Asheville church ranking high among the churches of the district and conference, so far as organization, efficiency, interest and phases of spiritual life are concerned. The church school is fully organized under the broad plan of the parent church. Each Sunday morning, inspiring worship periods are conducted for at least nine age groups, ranging from nursery children to adults.

In the church school, children, young people and adults learn to live, play, work and worship by the word of Jesus Christ. The activities of the church school are varied and many, and require an annual budget of some $3,000.

Another active group in the church family is the woman's missionary society,, which in 1935-36 was under the guidance of Mrs. W. S. Montgomery. The women, comprising eight "circles," supported the cause of missions, and lightened the task of the board of stewards in raising funds for the local budget.

The church budget requires a sum of about $10,000 a year, for operating, salaries, and payment on interest and principal. The church for the past two years has been able to meet its assessment for conference claims, something that had been regarded impossible for several years.

The board of stewards this past year was headed by C. H. Dickson, long an active worker in the church. He succeeded I. M. Teague. R. R. Frank has been finance chairman of the board and has spent no small number of hours on this task. The junior board, composed of young people and younger adults, had T. Everett Jarrett as its chairman in 1935-36.

During the late summer of 1936, the young people under the direction of Clyde M. Taylor, launched a campaign to raise $400 to purchase a 21-acre tract of land for a church camp. At the time this article was prepared (October 1936) half the amount had been raised and applied on the purchase price. Plans already were taking shape for the erection of cabins and bungalows on the site.

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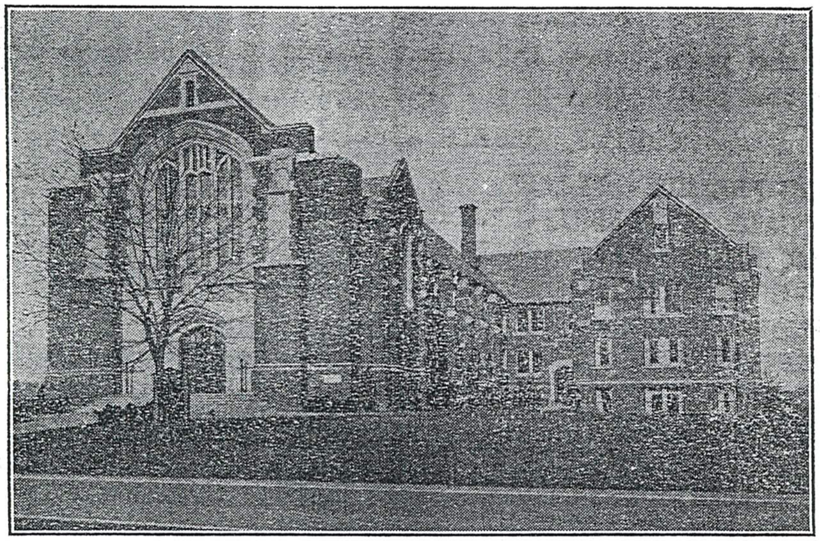

West Asheville Methodist Church

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Haywood Road at Balm Grove Ave.
Asheville, North Carolina

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REV. EDGAR H. NEASE—PASTOR

Study Phone 283-W   Parsonage Phone 283-J

Visitors are requested to register their names on the Visitor's Register in the vestibule of the Church.

(1) SUNDAY, MAY 9, 1937

Let the people bow in silent prayer when seated. Stand for the parts of the service marked by an asterisk.

MORNING WORSHIP AT 11:00 O'CLOCK

ORGAN PRELUDE- "Idyl" Kinder
THE CALL TO WORSHIP- "Jesus, Stand among Us"
*HYMN NO. 18-"For the Beauty of the Earth" Pierpoint
THE INVOCATION, concluded with the LORD'S PRAYER
ANTHEM- "Memories of Childhood" Wilson
*RESPONSIVE READING-19th. Sunday, 1st. Reading, p. 544
*THE APOSTLES' CREED, confession in unison
*THE GLORIA PATRI
LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES Proverb 31:10-31
THE PASTORAL PRAYER
THE PRAYER RESPONSE Choir
OFFERTORY SOLO- "Mother and Me" Anon
(R. Roy Miller)
THE PRESENTATION OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS
*HYMN NO. 372- "Love Divine" Charles Wesley
THE SERMON- "LOVE DIVINE" Pastor
*HYMN NO. 315- "How Firm a Foundation" Anon
*DOXOLOGY and BENEDICTION
ORGAN POSTLUDE- "March in G" Ashford

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

TODAY	9:30 A. M.	Church School
	11:00 A. M.	Morning Worship
	3:00 P. M.	Bishop Paul B. Kern preaching
	6:30 P. M.	Intermediate Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 P. M.	League and Fellowship Meetings
	8:00 P. M.	Bishop Paul B. Kern preaching
MONDAY	9:00 A. M.	DISTRICT CONFERENCE convenes
TUESDAY	8:00 P. M.	Stewards Meeting
		Y. P. Choir Rehearsal
WEDNESDAY	7:45 P. M.	School of Missions
THURSDAY	8:00 P. M.	Y. P. Union Meeting
FRIDAY	7:45 P. M.	Choir Rehearsal
		Troop 3, B. S. A.

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MOTHER'S
DAY
F.B.

It has been said, and not without truth, that the LOVE that is expressed more like God would have it expressed is MOTHER'S LOVE. Some wonder why we have a day called Mother's Day; but the marvel is that we had to wait so long for someone to think of the idea. To the mothers who gave us physical life, and who gave us what is far more precious than this, we dedicate this section of our Church Bulletin this MOTHER'S DAY 1937.

IN MEMORY

In memory of our dear mothers who have labored and loved, we their children breathe their sacred names:

ABERNATHY, Ella Mundy	(Mary Abernathy (aunt)
	(Mrs. Robert Bell
ABERNATHY, Mary	Josephine Lance Sales
ADAMS, Sarah J. Meade (1868-1930)	Milton R. Adams
	(Emile Alexander
ALEXANDER, Gorda Felmet	(Lewis Alexander
	(Jack Alexander

ALEXANDER, Mrs. J. S.	Mrs. J. W. Bennett
ALLISON, Louise Gudger	Lona Allison
BENNETT, Jane Elizabeth	J. W. Bennett
BEVELHIMER, Maria A.	Mrs. L. Huested
BRIGHT, Mary Robinson (1862-1928)	(Clara D. Brown
	(Graham Brown
BROWN, Violet Sams (1859-1932)	Jerome Brown
BUCKNER, Louisa Kuykendahl	Eloise C. Ebbs
BYERLY, Ella Pickens	Charles W. Byerly
CAMPBELL, Mrs. C. A. (1876-1916)	Mrs. E. R. Bird
CARTER, Laura Roberts(1865-1923)	Rowena Carter Wagner
CLARK, Mrs. J. E.	Annie M. Duncan
CLARK, Mary McKamey (1865-1934)	Julia Clark Miller
CLAYTON, Mrs. R. C.('66-1931)(	Irene Clayton Best
	(Alene Clayton Holderby
COBBLE, Martha Haun	J. W. Cobble
COLLINS, Nannie Rives	Amy Collins Rymer
COLLINS, Nancy Crook	George Collins
COLSON, Taula W. (1877-1927)	Julia Colson Hall
COOK, Julia Yost (1861-1937)	(John A. Cook
	(Mrs. F. M. Felmet
	(W. Price Cook
	(C. M. Cook
	(G. C. Cook
	(R. H. Cook
	(Ruth Cook Smith
	(Annie Cook Davis
	(Mrs. O. G. Daniel
COOPER, Mary E. Gillispie('39-1932)	Mrs. H. V. Hipps
COSTIN, Emma C. (1850-1880)	Olivia Costin Lindsey
COWAN, Mrs. John C.	Mrs. J. E. Baumberger
CREASMAN, Samantha Sales ('57-1931)	Myrtle C. Brown
CROOK, Julia A. Israel	Ober Crook Owen
DAVIS, Sarah Ann Morgan ('61-1930)	Mrs. M. L. Maney
DEVANEY, Annie Holly (1881-1915)	Sarah DeVaney
DRYMAN, Ida Hall (1879-1911)	Lucille Dryman Patton
EATON, Elizabeth Hawkins ('59-1935)	Maud Eaton Mills
ELLISTROM, Augusta Bergender('60-1934)	Svea E. Adams
ESTES, Ollie Penley	Mary Estes McRary
EVANS, Mary Neal (1858-1920)	Nita Evans Smith

FELMET, Adaline Gillispie (1826-1921)	Mollie Felmet
FELMET, Ellen Hawkins ('47-1927)	(Linna Felmet Montgomery
	(C. L. Felmet
	(W. V. Felmet
	(Mrs. C. D. Beal
	(F. M. Felmet
	(Maud Felmet Cook
	(C. H. Felmet
FOLGER, Stella Woltz	Evelyn Folger Bowles
FRANK, Georgia Lakey(1872-1919)	R. R. Frank
FRANKLIN, Lizzie McGee('66-1932)	Esther Franklin Hicks
GLENN, Mary Stephens (-1927)	(Sallie Glenn McElreth
	(Annie Glenn
GOODE, Margaret Elizabeth('44-1923)	Sadie G. Jarrett
GOODMAN, Charlotte Wilcoxen('63-1926)	Lois G. Frank
HALL, Lillie Cowan (1864-1934)	Irene Hall Colson
HALSEY, Zylphia (1843-1925)	Mary E. Halsey Edwards
HARRISON, Emma Cowan('70-1935)	(Dewey Harrison
	(Furman Harrison
	(Tommy Harrison
	(William S. Harrison
HARWELL, Dora Thompson ('68-1911)	Robert T. Harwell
HARWOOD, Esther (1823-1889)	Margaret Harwood Turnbull
HELMS, Luna Jenkins (1891-1936)	Virginia Helms
HIPPS, Nancy Hall	H. V. Hipps
HOCKING, Christianna ('65-1919)	(Pearl Hocking Fowler
	(Thomas Hocking
HUESTED, Mary Esther	Leslie Huested
HUGGINS, Mary Drummond ('68-1921)	W. C. Huggins
HUGGINS, Cornelia Cannon('59-1922)	Ina Huggins Spivey
HYDER, Loretta Littlejohn('50-'85)	Henry Solon Hyder
INGLE, Maggie Sams (1882-1926)	Florence Ingle Reid
ISRAEL, Avaline Jones (	Mrs. Nolan K. Hunnicutt
JACKSON, Harriet Jackson	Grover C. Jackson
JARRETT, Lucinda Owenby	(Dorcas Jarrett Evans
	(J. N. Jarrett
JENKINS, Epsy Little ('61-1936)	Katherine J. Shaver
JOHNSON, Sallie Jessup ('67-1934)	Mary P. J. Dawson
JOHNSON, Carrie Allan	Frank A. Johnson

JOHNSON, Samanthy Wardrep	Annie Mae Machin
JOYNER, Rose Mary (1849-1931)	C. B. Joyner, Sr.
JOYNER, Thelma Hart (1905-1933)	Barbara Jean Joyner
KILLE, Mamie Havener ('81-1925)	(Catharine K. Bagwell (Hilda Kille (Kenneth Kille (Morris Kille
KING, Mary Elizabeth	Minnie King Lewis
KUYKENDAHL, Malinda Brown-	Hazel Kuykendahl Franklin
LONDON, Martha Rochester('44-1922)	Mary L. Hampton
MACHIN, Sarah Bratt	Edgar A. Machin
MACKEY, Nannie Felmet B.('83-1935)	Virginia B. Hardison
MAGRUDER, Anna L. Young('56-1928)	E. F. Magruder
MALLONEE, Emily Hendrix	Emma L. Mallonee McDowell
MANEY, Mary E. Andrews ('39-1902)	M. L. Maney
MARTIN, Mary Lay (1846-1931)	Jesse Lee Martin
MCCAIN, Theresa Ramsey ('58-1917)	Adella McC. Rhudy
MCCALL, Sarah Burton	Mrs. Arthur E. Dunn
MCGEE, Elizabeth Cassada('64-1932)	J. C. McGee
MCDOWELL, Martha Gardner	William W. McDowell
MCRARY, Katheleen Coffee	W. S. McRary
MILLER, Sallie Rogers (1870-1917)	R. Roy Miller
MILLER, Mary J. Cowan ('53-1927)	Nina Miller Joyner
MILLS, Laura Reeves (1860-1936)	O. C. Mills
MITCHELL, Annie Volmar('66-1928)	(Jimmie M. Liverett (Mary M. Miller (Daisy M. Jarrett (Willie M. Shepherd (Helen Mitchell
MONTGOMERY, Anna Hunt ('53-1895)	W. Scott Montgomery
MOORE, Della Keith (1898-1927)	(Edna Moore (J. T. Moore
MOORE, Margaret Penland('55-1929)	Grace Moore Cowan
MOSS, Nettie Hargraves ('59-1883)	(Mamie M. Magruder (Maggie Mae Moss Crook
MULLINNIX, Mrs. J. L.	Mrs. W. S. Truett
ORPIN, Fannie Harris ('66-1930)	Laura O. Beachboard
OWEN, Laura Leatherwood	Hubert L. Owen
PATTON, Ida Boozer (1873-1935)	W. Henry Patton
PATTON, Mary Florence ('60-1898)	Ethel P. Wall

PENLAND, Lillie Taylor('68-1910)	(Eva Penland Fortune (Annie P. Patteson (Crawford Penland (Oran W. Penland
PIPER, Virginia Turner	(Mrs. G. C. Jackson (Jessie Piper
PORTER, Lula Adams (1850-1935)	Mae Porter Martin
REED, Robina Beavers ('54-1905)	Martha Reed Teague
REEL, Nancy Ardell Marls (72-1929)	Donie Reel Joyner
RHUDY, Amanda Austin (1856-1896)	A. C. Rhudy
ROBERTS, Rachel Jones (851-1912)	Sidney Roberts Hyder
ROBINSON, Althea Gibbs ('90-1919)	Irene Robinson Miller
RYMER, Hannah Turner ('72-1935)	Mrs. L. W. Turner
SATERLEE, Mrs. Ada	Mrs. George Osborne
SELLERS, C. L. Cathey ('82-1932)	Melton Sellers
SHAVER, Mary E. Hartman('68-1913)	W. Clarence Shaver
SKINNER, Mary Magruder (1904-1928)	(Ernest Skinner (Catherine Skinner (Harold Skinner
SMITH, Elizabeth Creech ('77-1937)	D. F. Smith
SMITH, Jennie Myers ('63-1923)	Othabelle S. Cochrane
SOUTHERN, Ruby Anthony	Lillian Anthony Johnston
SWAN, Margaret Ruble ('74-1909)	Ruble Swan Brank
TAYLOR, Clara Allen ('52-1913)	Willie Mae Taylor Enman
TOMBERLIN, Anna M. Silver('84-1936)	(W. F. Tomberlin (Willie Mae Tomberlin (J. V. Tomberlin (Victor Tomberlin
TURBYFILL, Jennie Moody ('71-1914)	E. L. Turbyfill
TURNBULL, Sarah (1833-1899)	Rev. R. Turnbull
TURNER, Emma Parrott ('72-1935)	Lonnie W. Turner
WALKER, Mrs. L. C.	Gladys Walker Tarpley
WHITAKER, Jane Holder ('46-1915)	Mrs. T. L. Cook
WILSON, Mrs. W. T. (1863-1923)	Jeanette Wilson Hanes
WRIGHT, Laura Baldwin('75-1930)	Bertha Wright Freeman
WOOD, Georgia Eason ('59-1881)	Lilla Wood DeLoach
WYATT, Canzady Hensley ('68-1926)	Nora Wyatt Dickson
DAVENPORT, Josie Corpening	Grace Davenport Freeman

IN HONOR

In honor of our mothers who still live here with us and who labor for us and love us, we their children pen their names:

ABERNETHY, Sarah Utley	Fannye Abernethy Johnson
ALEXANDER, Alice Shroat	Master Jackie Alexander
ARMSTRONG, Mrs. Robert	(Julia Ann Armstrong (Robert Armstrong, Jr.
ARTHUR, Olive Evans	(James N. Arthur, Jr. (Louise Arthur
ARTHUR, Sophia L.	J. Nat. Arthur
BARNETT, Nina Johnson	Maud Barnett Gardner
BEST, Irene Clayton	(Mary Elizabeth Best (Irma Best
BIRD, Hannah McCurry	Edward R. Bird
BIRD, Harriet Mae Campbell	Millicent Bird
BLACKWELL, Mrs. J. N. F.	(D. T. Blackwell (Melba Blackwell (Elsie Blackwell Cook (Bess Blackwell Evans
BLACKWELL, Lois Glenn	Margaret Ann Blackwell
BOLING, Eleura Reeves	Anne Boling Van Vaulkenburgh
BRANK, Sallie-Kate Brigman	W. S. Brank
BROWN, Estelle Johnston	(Iris Brown (Vida Brown
BROWN, Georgia Ramsey	J. Faraday Brown
BYERLY, Leola McRary	(Leola Mae Byerly (Walter Eugene Byerly
BYERLY, Minnie Foster	(Shirley Byerly (Betty Jean Byerly
BYNUM, Annie Bradford	Lois Bynum McNeil
CALDWELL, Mrs. R. L.	Mrs. E. G. Lewis
CAMPICHE, Mrs. Gustave	Margaret Campiche
CLARK, Carry Murry	Nat T. Clark
COLEMAN, Anna Beall	Mrs. Lucian Franklin
CONNOR, Frances Willis	Kathleen Connor Whisnant
COOK, Maud Felmet	(Virgil Cook (Vivian Cook
COOK, Mrs. T. L.	(Rhoberia Cook (Edna Cook

COOK, Texas King	Charles W. Cook
COOK, Elsie Blackwell	(Lucille Cook (William Joseph Cook
CORPENING, Ada Jones	(Ada Corpening Miller (Margaret Corpening Johnson
CROOK, Eva Jarrett	William M. James
DAVIS, Julia Robinson	(B. W. Davis (C. J. Davis (Shirley Davis Parris (Eugenia Davis
DELOACH, Lilla Wood	Grace DeLoach
DICKSON, Nora Wyatt	Harley Dickson, Jr.
DICKSON, Sue Clinton	C. H. Dickson
DIVELBISS, Mrs. J. E.	Mrs. M. L. Bozardt
DUCKWORTH, Elizabeth Revell	Oliver Duckworth Johnson
DUNCAN, Annie Clark	Gwendolyn Edwards Bordner
DUNN, Mrs. Arthur E.	Cornelia Dunn Graff
EBBS, Talitha Plemmons	Cauley J. Ebbs
EDWARDS, Mary E. Halsey	Verna Edwards Clarke
EVANS, Dorcas Jarrett	(Olive Evans Arthur (Dorothy Evans Harrison (Ruth Evans Perkins (J. Albert Evans
EVANS, Bess Blackwell	Alberta Evans
FORTUNE, Eva Penland Fullam	Jim Fullam
FOSTER, Elsie Moore	Minnie Foster Byerly
GANDY, Martha Lottie Adams	Estelle Gandy Reeder
GANTT, Nannie Johnson	Lon G. Johnson
GARDNER, Theresa Towles	Mary Kathryn Gardner
GARDNER, Gertrude Johnston	H. Merrell Gardner
GLENN, Mrs. Will C.	Lois Glenn Blackwell
GOODSON, Ruth Howell	(Mary Jean Goodson (Frances Anna Goodson (William A. Goodson, Jr.
GROCE, Mrs. T. S., Sr.	(Hugh Wood Groce (Willis Groce (Fred Groce
GRIMM, Mollie Silvert	Myrttle Grimm Compton
GUNNIN, Pauline Carroll	Marjorie Gunnin
COWAN, Ida E.	Alline Cowan Byerly

HALL, Ida Gorman	Gertrude Hall Brown
HAMPTON, Mary London	Morris L. Hampton
HARRIS, Mrs. Adrian T.	Laura Lynn Harris Powell
HARRISON, Beulah Rhudy	(Billy Harrison
	(Thomas Harrison
HARRISON, Dorothy Evans	(Bobbie Harrison
	(Anne Harrison
	(Edwin Harrison
	(Robert T. Harwell, Jr.
HARWELL, Blanche Hollar	(Ray Harwell
	(Ann Harwell
HAWKINS, Ida Miller	Doris Hawkins Huffman
HAWKINS, Martha Penland	Blanch Boyd Griffin
HICKS, Esther Franklin	Hilda Hicks Frank
HILL, Geneva Epps	Frances Hill Huggins
HILL, Pauline Spencer	Ruth Hill Walker
HILTON, Della Hoyle	Blonnie Hilton
HIPPS, Flora Moody	(Jennie Hipps Alexander
	(Oberia Hipps McGee
HOLDERBY, Mrs. G. A. B.	Pryor R. Holderby
HOLLAR, Dora Sigmon	Blanche Hollar Harwell
HOWARD, Laura Howland	G. A. Hutchinson
HUGHES, Elizabeth Gillenwater	Elmer E. Hughes
HUGHES, Viola **Burke**	Charles Evans Hughes
	(Margaret Jarrett Young
JARRETT, Daisy Mitchell	(Annie Katherine Jarrett
	(Dorothy Jarrett
	(Frank Jarrett
JARRETT, Katherine Aiken	(D. T. Jarrett
	(Eva Jarrett Crook
	(Maud Jarrett Young
	(Ella Jarrett Butler
JARRETT, Sadie Goode	(Margaret Jarrett
	(J. Nelson Jarrett
	(Everett Jarrett
JOHNSON, Bessie Byers	Jessie Johnson Edmundson
JOHNSON, Fannye Abernethy	(Frances Johnson
	(Robert Johnson
	(Winston Johnson
JOHNSON, Margaret Corpening	Gladys Johnson

JOHNSON, Elizabeth Jones	Thomas F. Johnson
JOHNSON, Oliver Duckworth	Thomas Johnson, Jr.
JONES, Mamie L.	W. L. Schooler
JOYNER, Nina Miller	(Edison Joyner (Marcus Joyner
JUDD, Mabel Moyers	(Ophelia Judd (Dan Judd
KERR, Arah Proffitt	(Edyth Kerr McRary (Mabel Kerr
KEEVER, Mrs. H. K.	Rebecca Keever
KEEVER, Mrs. H. V.	H. K. Keever
KILGO, Dollie A. Speegle	W. A. Kilgo
KILGO, Cora McAfee	(Douglas Kilgo (Frances Kilgo (Julia Kilgo (James Kilgo (Ann Kilgo
KINCAID, Josephine McP. Judd	Oscar J. Judd
LEWIS, Emma A. Woodcock	Rodmon E. Lewis
LINDSEY, Olivia Costin	Eunice Lindsey
LIVERETT, Mrs. James M.	Gordon Liverett
MACHIN, Annie Mae Johnson	(Pauline Machin (Virginia Dare Machin
MAGRUDER, Mamie Moss	(Bailey Magruder (Edwin Magruder (James Magruder (William Magruder
MANEY, Mrs. M. L.	Helen Maney
MAY, Nellie Louise	Eleanor May
MCAFEE, Mary Frances	Cora McAfee Kilgo
MCCULLOUGH, Mattie Johnston	(Estelle Johnston Brown (Murgel A. Johnston
MCELROY, Althea Hampton	Georgia Hampton Hensley
MCDOWELL, Etta R.	Martha Rector West
MCGEE. Oberia Hipps	J. C. McGee, Jr.
MCRARY, Edyth Kerr	John Walter McRary, Jr.
MCRARY, Mary Estes	(John Walter McRary (Leola McRary Byerly
MILLER, Julia Clark	Helen Miller Crutchfield
OWEN, Ober Crook	(Hubert L. Owen, Jr. (Julia Owen

MOFFETT, Rebecca	Ruth Moffett Gaddy
MONTGOMERY, Linna Felmet	Ruth Montgomery
MOORE, Nando Ware	E. Earle Moore
NEASE, Ida Jane Watkins	Edgar H. Nease
NEASE, Mabel Winkler	(E. H. Nease, Jr.
	(Mabel Ruth Nease
ORR, Emma Clarke	(Clarke Orr
	(Sarah Orr
PARKINS, Rena Brackett	W. S. Parkins
	(Vivian Parris
PARRIS, Shirley Davis	(Margaret S. Parris
	(Nancy Jeanne Parris
	(James H. Parris
PATTESON, Annie Penland	(Doris Patteson
	(Charles Patteson
PENCE, Mary Joe Johnson	Marianna Jane Pence
PITTILLO, Mrs. R. L.	J. R. Pittillo
PLEMMONS, Minnie E. Donaldson	Kate Plemmons
PORTER, Elizabeth Chandler Taylor	Bernie E. Taylor
PORTER, Mrs. D. B.	Mrs. Henry D. Mitchell
POWELL, Laura Lynn Harris	(W. Ernest Powell, Jr.
	(Charles Harris Powell
POWELL, Mrs. James	W. Ernest Powell, Sr.
PROFFITT, Elizabeth Lewis	Eileen Proffitt Moore
RHUDY, Adella McCain	(Beulah Rhudy Harrison
	(Gerald G. Rhudy
	(Wanda Rhudy
	(A. C. Rhudy, Jr.
RODGERS, Lottie Burrage	Ruth Rodgers Turbyfill
ROSS, Louise Schlageter	(Clara Ross
	(Elizabeth Ross Tomberlin
	(Mrs. H. K. Keever
RUDISILL, Mrs. L. M.	(Mrs. W. E. Killian
	(T. M. Rudisill
	(H. E. Rudisill
SALES, Josephine Lance	Philip Sales
SHIPMAN, Lela Shuler	(Mildred Shipman Hutchinson
	(H. A. Shipman---
SHOOK, Sallie K.	Mrs. Roy T. Brown

SHROAT, Bertha Young	Alice Shroat Alexander
SPIVEY, Ina Huggins	(Lela Mae Spivey
	(Mary Ethel Spivey
	(Adelaide Spivey
	(Helen Spivey Noble
STARNES, Lilly Smith	Gladys Starnes Ehle
STARNES, Martha Flowers	Maurine Starnes Moore
TEAGUE, Martha Reed	(Harry Teague
	(Hazel Teague Jarrett
	(Helen Teague
TEAGUE, Melissa Henry	Chas. W. Teague
TEAGUE, Olive W.	(Mildred Teague Sawyer
	(A. A. Teague
	(J. Lawrence Teague
	(Myers Teague
	(J. Walter Teague
	(Mary Helen Teague
	(Alva Teague Parris
	(Maud Teague Duckett
TRUETT, Hessie Mullinix Reeder	(Hannah Elizabeth Truett
	(Frank Thomas Reeder
VAN VAULKENBURGH, Anne Boling	James Van Vaulkenburgh
WAGNER, Sue Brank	T. F. Wagner
WEIR, Annie Gibson	Janet Weir
WEST, Maud Rector	Harry West, Jr.
WHISNANT, Kathleen Connor	(Marjoria Whisnant
	(Jean Whisnant
WILLIAMSON, Cora Setzer	(Bonnie Mae Williamson
	(Harry Williamson
	(Bill Williamson
	(Jack Williamson
WINKLER, Mary E. Hartley	Mabel Winkler Nease
WOODARD, Fannie Henry	Kathleen Woodard Barker
WRIGHT, Amelia Jarrett	Ethel Wright Miller
YOUNG, Emma Aiken	Ray Young
YOUNG, Ina Howell	O. Frank Young
YOUNG, Josephine Baker Skinner	Myra Skinner Young
YOUNG, Margaret Jarrett	David Ray Young
YOUNG, Myra Skinner	Kathryn Skinner Young

MOTHER

The bravest battle that was ever fought
Shall I tell you where and when?
On the maps of the world you'll find it not
'Twas fought by the mothers of men.

Not with cannon or battle shot
With sword or nobler pen,
Nay not with eloquent words or thought,
From mouths of wonderful men.

But deep in a walled-up woman's heart,
A woman that would not yield;
But bravely and silently bore her part.
Lo! there is the battle field.

No marshalling troop, no bivouac song,
No banners to gleam and wave;
And oh, these battles they last so long
From boyhood to the grave.

Yet faithful still as a bridge of stars
She fights on in her walled-up town
Fights on and on in her endless wars
And then silently and unseen goes down.

Oh ye with cannon and battle shot,
With soldiers to shout and praise;
I tell you the kingliest battles fought
Are fought in these silent ways.

Oh, spotless woman, in a world of shame,
With splendid and silent scorn;
Go back to God as white as you came--
The Kingliest Warrior born!
-------Anon

CIRCLE MEETINGS MONDAY EVENING:

7:30- No. 1 with Mrs. L. P. Sales, 20 Penn. Avenue.
8:00- No. 2 with Mrs. T. A. Orr, 59 Vandalia Avenue.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON:

3:00- No. 3 with Mrs. F. J. Harrison, 624 Haywood Rd.
No. 4 with Mrs. J. L. Martin, 577 Haywood Road.
No. 5 with Mrs. John May, 194 Brucemont Circle.
3:30- No. 6 with Mrs. C. B. Joyner, 30 Oakwood Street.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION: The members of the Circles appreciate sincerely your response in making possible this Mother's Day Bulletin. We hope that you are so well pleased with this way of honoring your mother that annually we may continue this special Bulletin.

OUR PRIVILEGE AND CHALLENGE: Very seldom is it that a District Conference has the privilege of having the Bishop in charge present for one service. When we begin to remind ourselves of the unusually heavy load that our Bishop is bearing, we are even surprised that it is possible for him to be present for our District Conference at all. However, he will not only be present but will preach for us at least twice. This afternoon at three o'clock, Bishop Kern will address the laymen and lay women of the District; and our own Male Chorus will lead the music. At eight o'clock today to the young people of the District, Bishop Kern will preach again. At this service the Brevard College Choir will lead the music. You are expected and welcome to both of these services.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE really begins with the two services at which Bishop Kern preaches today; but the organization and business sessions of the Conference will begin at 9:00 A. M. tomorrow (Monday). The delegates from this Church are: C. H. Dickson, John E. Jones, L. J. Brookshire, L. Huested, W. S. Harrison, and Mrs. W. S. Montgomery. Your representatives are expected to be present and vote for you; but you are welcome to any and all of the sessions.

West Asheville Methodist Church

HAYWOOD ROAD AT BALM GROVE AVENUE
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

A. C. Tippett, Minister	25 Balm Grove Avenue
M. T. Smathers, District Supt.	20 Watauga St.
Clare Purcell, Bishop	Charlotte, N. Carolina
Miss Viola Ownbey	Church Secretary

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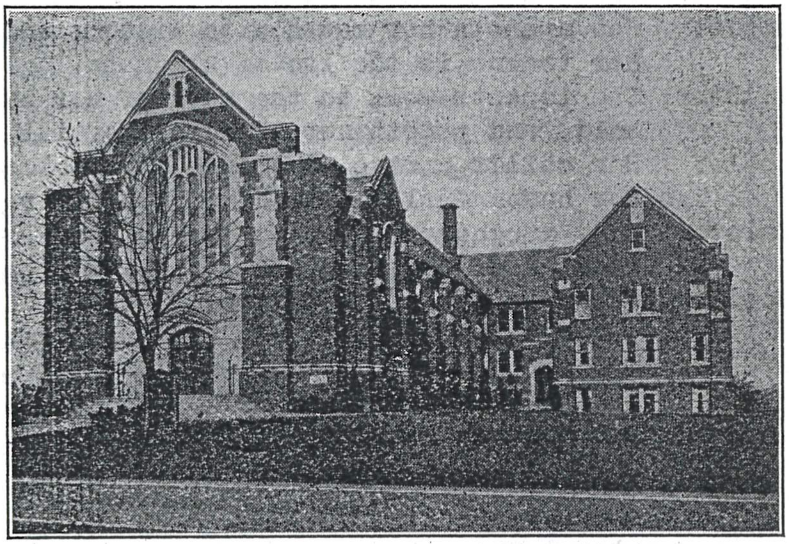

J. W. McRary	Chairman Board of Stewards
C. H. Dickson	Chairman Finance Committee
L. J. Brookshire	Church Treasurer
John E. Jones	Superintendent Church School
Nelson J. Miles	Director of Music
Miss Viola Ownbey	Organist

THE FRIENDLY CHURCH

You are a stranger here only once.

MOTHER'S DAY, SUNDAY, MAY 12th, 1940.

Morning Worship

Organ Prelude- "Elegy"	Franz Schubert
The Call to Worship	Choir
Hymn No. 18- "For the Beauty of the Earth"	Pierpoint
The Apostles' Creed	
The Invocation	
Anthem- "Memories of Childhood"	Wilson
Responsive Reading:-	

Minister: Strength and honor are her clothing and she shall rejoice in time to come.

People: She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

Minister: She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

People: Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

Minister: Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

People: Favor is deceitful and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.

Unison: Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

The Gloria Patri	
The Pastoral Prayer	
Choral Response: "Threefold Amen"	Danish
The Offering:	
Organ Meditation	
Offertory Solo-"Little Mother of Mine"	Burleigh
Charles Mills	
The Sermon: "CHRISTIAN INFLUENCES"	Rev. A. C. Tippett
Hymn No. 372- "Love divine, all loves excelling"	Wesley
The Benediction	
The Doxology	
Organ Postlude- "Larghetto"	Kuhlau

EVENING WORSHIP

Organ Prelude- "Songs My Mother Taught me"	Dvorak
The Call to Worship	Choir
Hymn No. 326-"Children of the Heavenly King"	Cennick
The Pastoral Prayer	
The Offering	
Organ Meditation	
Anthem- "Sun of my Soul"	Sudds
Presentation of the Offering	
The Sermon	Rev. A. C. Tippett
Hymn No. 242- "He Leadeth me"	Gilmore
The Benediction	
The Doxology	
Organ Postlude- "Hymnus"	Mendelssohn

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CIRCLE MEETINGS MONDAY P.M.

8:00 No. 1 with Mrs. Rex Cowan, 14 Cowan Street.
8:00 No. 2 with Mrs. M. A. Johnston, 19 Westgate Road
8:00 No. 3 with Mrs. C. E. Hawkins, 72 Vandalia St.
3:00 No. 4 with Mrs. E. L. Turbyfill, 175 Cumberland
3:00 No. 5 with Mrs. Z. M. Netherton, 42 Balm Grove
Mrs. J. R. Hughey, Associate hostess
3:00 No. 6 with Mrs. Leslie Huested, 15 Westgate Road
10:30 A. M. No. 7 with Mrs. A. E. Dunn, at Bent Creek.

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Today	9:30 A. M.	Church School
	11:00 A. M.	Morning Worship
	7:00 P. M.	League Meetings
	8:00 P. M.	Evening Worship
Monday		Circle Meetings
Tuesday	3:00 P. M.	Mission Study Class
	8:00 P. M.	Board of Stewards
Wednesday	8:00 P. M.	Prayer Meeting
Thursday	3:00 P. M.	Mission Study Class
Friday	8:00 P. M.	Choir Rehearsal
		Troop 3, B. S. A.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS TODAY

The central basket of flowers is placed in memory of

MRS. JOHN H. TIPPETT

1875--1929

By her son
Reverend A. C. Tippett

Flowers on the right pedestal are placed in memory of

MRS. MAMIE HAVENER KILLE

1881--1925

By her children

Catherine Kille Bagwell
Hilda Kille Willis
Sarah Kille   Charlotte Kille
Morris Kille   Kenneth Kille
John Kille

Flowers on the left pedestal are placed in memory of

MRS. SARAH JESSUP JOHNSON
1867--1935
By her daughter

Mary Parker J. Dawson

Minor Bostwick

LIBRARY WILL BE OPENED AT W. A. CHURCH

Inspection Of Room Will Highlight Finals For Bible School Pupils.

The commencement exercises for members of the Vacation Bible school of the West Asheville Methodist church will be held at the church at 8 o'clock tomorrow night.

One hundred and fourteen children were enrolled at the school, and certificates and awards will be presented during the evening. An exhibit of handiwork, done during the two weeks of school, will be on display.

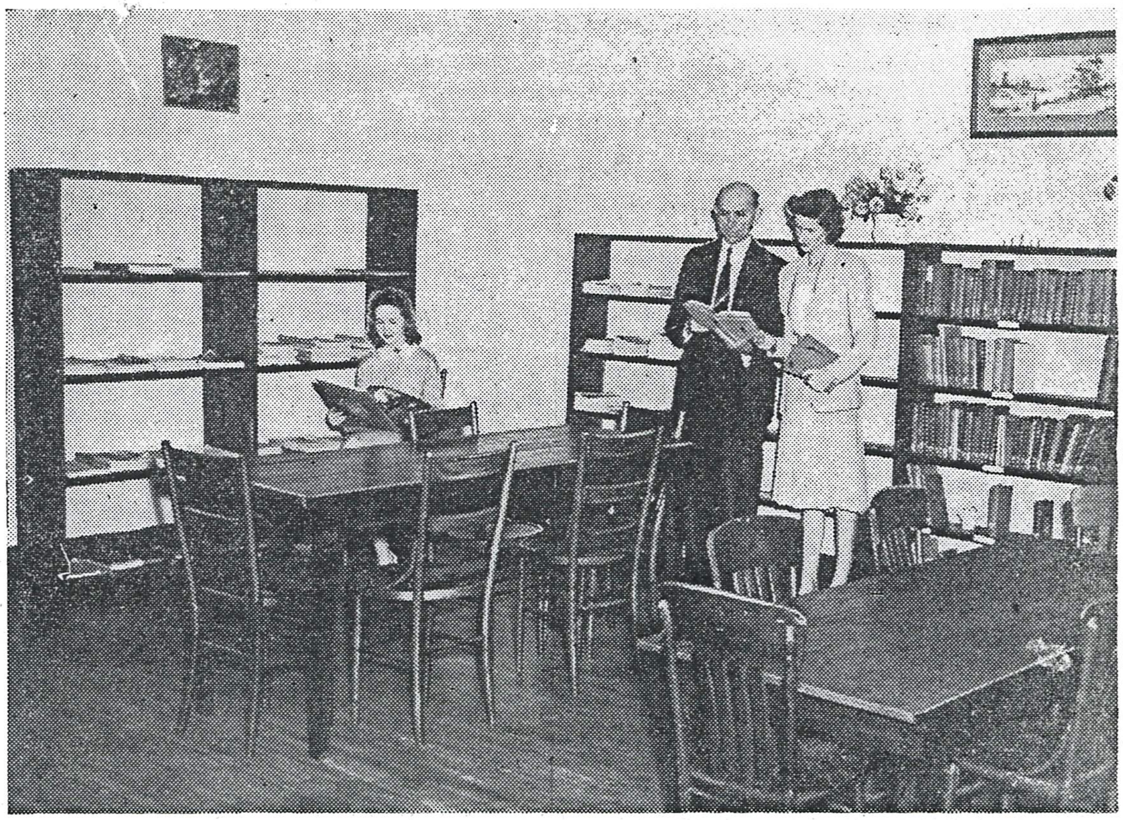
The beginners and primary departments will present a group of songs and Bible readings during the program tomorrow night, and the juniors will hold a candlelight drill. Members of the intermediate department will hold a Bible quiz, and selections will be presented by the girls' choir.

The outstanding work project of the vacation school was the putting into reality of plans for a church school library. The intermediate department children painted the walls, cleaned the floor, prepared draperies, arranged tables, chairs and shelves and cataloged books and periodicals already on hand.

Miss Mary Marshall Mitchell, in charge of intermediates during the vacation school, directed these preparations. Plans for the library were drafted by Mrs. John E. Jones and Miss Eva Deem, members of a special committee formed to develop the library. Equipment was provided through donations to the library fund by members of the church.

Miss Betty Brookshire served as superintendent of the vacation school and Miss Viola Ownbey was general secretary. The Rev. N. C. Williams is pastor of the church.

Vacation School Pupils Arrange Library



When the Vacation Bible school opened two weeks ago at the West Asheville Methodist church, children of the intermediate department under the guidance of Miss Mary Marshall Mitchell undertook to put into reality plans which had been drawn for the church school library. The young folk painted the walls of the large room on the main floor of the church school building, cleaned and waxed the floors, provided draperies at the three windows, arranged tables and chairs, and catalogued books and periodicals already on hand. Many volunteers assisted in the project. For example, a number of primary children were on their hands and knees scrubing spots of paint from the floor preparatory to the waxing job yesterday. Inspection of the room by the entire congregation will be a highlight of the closing exercises of the vacation school at the Sunday nightnight services. A corner of the library is shown in the picture. Miss Mitchell is seated at the left, and the others in the picture are the Rev. N. C. Williams, pastor, and Miss Betty Brookshire, superintendent of the vacation school.

Defense Stamps That Perform Double Duty

Hear me, dear Father
Answer our prayer
Amen, Amen

Members of the West Asheville Methodist church are being patriotic and at the same time trying to pay off their $50,000 debt. Throughou the Sunday school, children and adults are contributing defense stamps, to be converted into defense bonds and used towards payment of the church debt. The above picture shows a group representing classes of the junior department, which yesterday presented at morning service the first completed $5 book of 10-cent stamps. This is one of the methods devised by the 9,000 club which was organized by Dr. J. B. Anderson to raise $9,000 a year until the debt is retired. Shown here, in a scene depicting the completion of the first book of stamps, are the following: Seated, Troy Collins, Rae Smith, Martha Jean Moore, Mrs. Henry C. Sprinkle, wife of the pastor; standing: Glenn May, Maxine Clontz, Norman Ingle, Dr. Sprinkle, the pastor; Barbara Patterson, Laura Heise and Bo Dawson.

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DEDICATION

"UPON THIS DAY THE CHILDREN OF THE EARTH
HONOR THOSE CHRISTLIKE ONES WHO GAVE THEM BIRTH"

"Blessed are they who have for memory
A mother whose white spirit was aflame
For righteousness--who gave them eyes to see
The glory of an everlasting Name,
The splendor of a highway to be trod
Straight to the great and loving heart of God"

IN MEMORY

ABERNATHY, Mary	Josephine Lance Sales
ALEXANDER, Mrs. H. N.	Mrs. D. I. Gross
ALEXANDER, Mrs. J. W.	Emile Alexander
ANTHONY, Mrs. P. O. (1878-1937)	Mrs. M. A. Johnston
BAGWELL, Mrs. Ella Smith (1870-1928)	Leo H Bagwell
BAIER, Abigail Rice(1866-1930)	Dr. Geo. F. Baier, Jr.
BEVELHIMER, Maria A.(1846-1921)	Mrs. Leslie Huested
BLAKELY, Mrs. Millie M.(1860-1937)	Lowry Blakely
BYERLY, Ella Pickens	C. W. Byerly
CLONTZ, Mrs. W. F.	W. E. Clontz
COLLINS, Mary Ann Arrington(1835-1912)	N. A. Collins
COLLINS, Nancy Rives('68-1933)	(Euphemia C. Brookshire (Amy Collins Rymer
COLLINS, Nancy Crook	George C. Collins
COOK, Cora Hill(1890-1923)	Lena Cook Powell
COSTIN, Emma C. (1850-1880)	Olivia C. Lindsay
CROOK, Mrs. H. T.(1873-1939)	Mabel Crook Gregory
CROOK, Julia Israel (1855-1916)	Ober Crook Owen
DAVEY, Mrs. Mattie (1855-1911)	Maude Davey
DRYMAN, Ida Hall (1879-1911)	Lucille Dryman Patton
DUNN, Florence Chumlea (1866-1924)	Arthur E. Dunn
EATON, Mary Elizabeth (1859-1935)	Maude Eaton Mills
ESTES, Ollie B. (1843-1919)	Mrs. W. S. McRary

FELMET, Ellen H.(1847-1927)	(C. L. Felmet (W. V. Felmet (F. M. Felmet (C. H. Felmet (Lucy Felmet Beale (Maude Felmet Cook (Linna Felmet Montgomery
FRANK, Georgia Lakey(1872-1919)	R. R. Frank
GLENN, Mrs. Mary Stephens	(Annie F. Glenn (S. G. McEllreth
GOFORTH, Mrs. Mary Alice	W. W. Goforth
GOODMAN, Charlotte Wilcoxon(1863-1926)	Lois G. Frank
HALL Lillie Cowan	(Irene Hall Colson (L. W. Colson
HARRISON, Emma Cowan (1872-1935)	W. S. Harrison
HAZELMAN, Mary Steurler	M. A. Hazelman
HELMS, Luna J. (1891-1936)	Virginia Felms
HUGGINS, Cornelia Cannon(1859-1922)	(Ina H. Spivey (Nora H. Phillips (Lura H. Crook (Pearl H. Putnam (Ethel H. McCoy (Addie H. Loftis (A. L. Huggins (Homer Huggins
HUGHEY, Elizabeth Allman(1847-1923)	J. R. Hughey
JENKINS, Espy Little(1861-1936)	Katherine J. Shaver
JOHNSON, Mrs. Hugh (1863-1930)	(Sam Johnson (J. B. Johnson
JOHNSON, Sarah Jessup(1867-1935)	Mary Parker J. Dawson
JOYNER, Rosemary (1849-1931)	C. B. Joyner, Sr.
JOYNER, Thelma Hart(1905-1933)	Margaret Jean Joyner
KILLE, Mamie Havener(1881-1925)	(Catherine K. Bagwell (Hilda K. Willis (Sarah Kille (Charlotte Kille (Kenneth Kille (Morris Kille (John Kille

KNIERAM, Henrietta (1867-1933)	Bertha Pittillo
MAGRUDER, Anna L. Young (1856-1928)	E. F. Magruder
MARTIN, Mary (1846-1931)	J. L. Martin
McCALL, Sarah Burton (1860-1897)	Mrs. Arthur E. Dunn
McCREARY, Mrs. Joe	Mrs. Sam H. Johnson
McELWAIN, Rosetta D. (1861-1923)	D. Burton McElwain
MILLER, Mary Jarrett (1853-1927)	Mrs. C. B. Joyner
MINUS, Laura Moorer (----1893)	Mrs. E. M. Meyer
MITCHELL, Annie E. (1850-1934)	Henry D. Mitchell
MITCHELL, Annie Volmar ('66-1928)	(Mary M. Miller (James M. Liverett (Helen Mitchell (Willie M. Shepherd (Daisy M. Jarrett
MONTGOMERY, Anna Hunt (1853-1895)	W. Scott Montgomery
MOORE, Aretha Penland (1855-1930)	Grace Moore Cowan
MOORE, Della Keith (1898-1927)	(Wilma Moore (Edna Moore (J. T. Moore
MOSS, Nettie Hargraves ('59-1883)	Mamie Moss Magruder
MULLINNIX, Elizabeth Hopkins	Mrs. W. S. Truett
NETHERTON, Laura Roberts (1862-1919)	Z. M. Netherton
OWEN, Laura (1848-1935)	Hubert L. Owen
PATTON, Mary Florence	Ethel Patton Wall
PATTON, Ida Boozer (1878-1935)	W. Henry Patton
PEIGLER, Mrs. Martha	(Katherine P. Ledwell (Jettie P. Wallace
PIPER, Mrs. Virginia	Jessie Piper
PORTER, Lula (1850-1935)	Mrs. J. L. Martin
POWELL, Emily E. (1870-1912)	Dewitt T. Powell
REYNOLDS, Mrs. Dorcas (1838-1923)	W. A. Reynolds
SHAVER, Mary Hartman (1868-1913)	W. Clarence Shaver
SHEPHERD, Mrs. Addie (1864-1938)	Mrs. H. H. Laetsch
SHROADES, Catherine R. (1864-1935)	Edna S. McElwain
SKINNER, Josephine Baker (1863-1937)	Mrs. O. Frank Young
SMITH, Marie Cox (1898-1921)	(Bill Smith (Fred Smith

SMITH, Susan F. (1861-1931)	Ross W. Smith
SNYDER, Amy Birdinia	Ruth Snyder Johnson
STUBBS, Mrs. Charles S. (1892-1928)	Alvah M. Stubbs
SWAN, Mrs. Margaret Ruble	Mrs. W S. Brank
TIPPETT, Mrs. John H. (1875-1929)	A. C. Tippett
TURBYFILL, Mrs. Jennie Moody (1871-1914)	E.L.Turbyfill
VALENTINE, Mrs. Ida May	Mrs. W. K. Roberts
WARD, Mrs. Furman (1903-1938)	Lillian Haas
WHITAKER, Jane Holder (1846-1915)	Anna Cook
WHITNEY, Mrs. Jessie V. (1856-1931)	Dorothy Whitney
WILLIS, Mrs. Mary Wright (1880-1929)	Lee Willis
WRIGHT, Dulcenia (1862-1918)	Mrs. M. A. Hazelman
WRIGHT, Mary Sue	Dean Wright
WYATT, Canzady Hensley (1868-1926)	Nora Wyatt Dickson

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"We cannot think of them as dead
Who walk with us no more
Along the path of life we tread;
They have but gone before.

And still their silent ministries
Within our hearts have place,
As when on earth they walked with us
And met us face to face.

Ours are they by an ownership
Nor time nor death can free;
For God hath given to love to keep
Its own eternally."

......Frederick L. Hosmer

"Blessed are they whose mother is today
A living presence walking by their side;
Whose love enfolds them as she kneels to pray,
Pleading for One to be their strength and guide.
Who has a mother in their desperate need,
Ah, truly, such as they are blest indeed!"

IN HONOR

ANDERSON, Rosa B.	Mrs. Roy P. Byerly
ARTHUR, Mrs. J. N.	James N. Arthur, Jr.
BAIER, Edna Ebert	Capt Geo. F. Baier, III.
BASSETT, Mathilda Moore	(Joe Bassett, Jr. (Mary Frances Bassett
BENNETT, Mrs. Ada E	Frances Bennett
BIRD, Mrs. E. R.	(Millicent Bird Arthur (Una Mae Bird (Leslie Bird
BIRD, Mrs. Hannah	E. R. Bird
BLACKWELL, Mrs. D. T.	Ann Blackwell
BLACKWELL, Martha Williams	D. T. Blackwell
BLAKELY, Frances Reynolds	Earl Blakely
BORDNER, Ethel Worley	Dale N. Bordner
BRANK, Mrs. Ruble Swan	Helen Ruble Brank
BRANK, Mrs. Sallie Kate	Mrs. Kenneth West
BRITT, Mrs. Frances	Mary Britt
BROOKS, Mrs. M. A.	(Fannie Brooks (Nellie Brooks
BROOKSHIRE, Euphemia Collins	(Betty Brookshire (Balfour Brookshire
BROOKSHIRE, Julina Justice	L. J. Brookshire
CABE, Mrs. John F.	Mrs. J. T. Glenn
CALDWELL, Mrs. R. L.	(Mrs. E. G. Lewis (Mrs. W. C. Conner
CARICO, Mrs. H. B.	Betty Carico

CLARK, Mrs. Carrie M.	Mrs. G. A. Shieder
COMPTON, Mrs. H. H.	Peggy Charlene Compton
CONNER, Mrs. Mary	W. C. Conner
COOK, Mrs. Anna F.	(Rhobenia Cook (Edna Cook
COOK, Mrs. C. M.	(Virgil Cook (Vivian Cook
COWAN, Ida E.	Aline Byerly
CROOK, Mrs. Eva Jarrett	(Grover James (William James (Robert James
DUNN, Mrs. Arthur E.	Cornelia D. Graff
DAVIS, Mrs. Harry S.	Harry S. Davis, Jr.
DAWSON, Mrs. Harvey W. Jr.	Harvey W. Dawson, III
DEEM, Mrs. E. I.	Eileen Deem
DICKSON, Nora Wyatt	(Lucille Byrd Griffin (Harley Dickson, Jr.
DICKSON, Sue Clinton	C. H. Dickson
DIVELBISS, Mrs. J. E.	Winnie D. Bozardt
DYSART, Mrs. T. B.	Ruth Dysart Mitchell
EBBS, Mrs. C. J.	Louise Ebbs Warren
ELLER, Florence A.	Mrs. W. V. Felmet
EVANS, Dorcas Jarrett	(Ruth Evans Parkins (Mary Evans Harris (Olive Evans Arthur (Dorothy Evans Harrison
FOSTER, Elsie Moore	Mrs. Minnie Byerly
FRAZIER, Mrs. H. L.	Howard R. Frazier
GANDY, Mrs. Lottie Adams	Estelle Gandy Reeder
GLENN, Mrs. W. C.	Lois Glenn Blackwell
GOFORTH, Lillian Rush	Alice Goforth
GORMAN, Mrs. C. W.	Van Gorman
GRAFF, Mrs. G. C.	Charles H. Graff
GRIFFIN, Mrs. Blanche Boyd	(William White Boyd (James Robert Boyd (Sarah Elizabeth Boyd (Jack Gray Boyd

GROSS, Mrs. D. I.	Dr. J. B. Anderson
GROSS, Mrs. E. C.	D. I. Gross
HAAS, Mrs. Lillian	(Carolyn Haas (Eleanor Haas
HARRIS, Mrs. A A.	William R. Harris
HARRIS, Mary Evans	(Martha Jane Harris (Charles Arthur Harris
HAZELMAN, Mrs. M. A.	Florabel Hazelman
HICKS, Esther Franklin	Marguerite Hicks Magruder
HOLLAR, Mrs. D. E.	(Mrs. J. W. Carter (Mrs. H. F. Brownlee (Mrs. L. E. Franklin
HOSKINS, Mrs. R. G.	Charlotte Hoskins
HUGHEY, Lessie Woodson	James Hughey
JAMES, Mae B.	(Katherine James (Tommy James
JARRETT, Daisy Mitchell	(Margaret Jarrett Young (Katherine Jarrett (Dorothy Jarrett (Frank Jarrett
JARRETT, Katherine Aiken	(D. T. Jarrett (Eva Jarrett Crook (Maude Jarrett Young (Ella Jarrett Butler
JOHNSON, Bessie Byers	Jessie Johnson Edmundson
JOHNSON, Fannye Abernethy	(Frances Johnson (Robert Johnson (Winston Johnson
JOHNSON, Ruth Virginia	Norma Johnson
JOHNSON, Mrs. S. H.	Frances Johnson Gorman
JONES, Mrs. John E.	(Joan Jones (Gladys Jones
KERR, Mrs. Arah Proffitt	Mrs. J. W. McRary
LINDSAY, Mrs. Olivia Costin	Eunice Lindsay

LINDSEY, Betty Enloe	Mrs. Ross Smith
MACHIN, Mrs. E. A.	(Pauline Machin (Virginia Dare Machin
MAGRUDER, Mamie Moss	(Bailey Magruder (Edwin Magruder (William Magruder (James Magruder
MANEY, Mrs. M. L.	(Mrs. Stanley Garland (Mrs. Curtis Snipes (Helen Maney (Mary Maney (Mrs. Ralph Snipes
McCULLOUGH, Mrs. Mattie Johnston	M. A. Johnston
McELWAIN, Mrs. D. Burton	(Eleanor McElwain (Dorothy McElwain
McRARY, Mrs. Mary E.	J. Walter McRary
MELROSE, Mrs. Eva	Mrs. E. I Deem
MEYER, Mrs. E. M.	(Elizabeth Meyer Groves (Marjorie D. Meyer (Joe M. Meyer (Robert W. Meyer
MILES, Mrs. Elizabeth Pope	Nelson J. Miles
MITCHELL, Mrs. Henry D.	(Mary Marshall Mitchell (Frances Mitchell (Henry D. Mitchell
MITCHELL, Mrs. John W.	George W. Mitchell
MONTGOMERY, Mrs. W. S.	Ruth Montgomery
MOORE, Maurine Starnes	Martha Jean Moore
NANNEY, Mrs. J. P.	Mrs. J. B. Anderson
NAVE, Mrs. S. O	(Wallace Nave (Virginia Nave
NETHERTON, Tula Woodson	Beatrice Netherton
ORR, Mrs. Emma Clark	Sarah Orr
OWEN, Mrs. Ober Crook	(Hubert Owen,Jr. (Julia Owen

PARKINS, Rena Brackett	W. S. Parkins
PATTERSON, Mrs. Annie	(Aviolene Patterson (Cecil F. Patterson
PITTILLO, Mrs. Louise	Ralph Pittillo, Jr.
PITTILLO, Mrs. Paul	(Eileen Pittillo (Ruth Pittillo (Beverly J. Pittillo (Frank Lewis Pittillo
PITTILLO, Sarah Illa	(J. R Pittillo (Paul Pittillo
PLEMMONS, Mrs. J. L.	Kate Plemmons
PLEMMONS, Nina Spivey	Wilma Plemmons Gibbs
PORTER, Mrs. D. B.	(John A. Porter (Ernest Porter (Charles D. Porter (Richard L.Porter (Mrs. H. L. Sarratt (Mrs. Henry D. Mitchell
RAMSEY, Mrs. D. L.	Dewey Martin Ramsey
REYNOLDS, Lillie Jarrett	Frances Reynolds Blakely
RHUDY, Mrs. A. C.	Mrs. W S. Harrison
RODGERS, Mrs. Lottie Burrage	Mrs. E. L. Turbyfill
RUTH, Mrs. W. D.	Leota Fay Ruth
SALES, Josephine Lance	Phillip Sales
SLUDER, Mrs. R. H.	Mrs. W. E. Clontz
SMITH, Alma Vaughan	(Helen Smith (Ralph Smith
SPIVEY, Mrs. Ina Huggins	(Helen Spivey Noble (Lela Mae Spivey (Mary Ethel Spivey (Adelaide S. Whitted
STARNES, Martha Flowers	Maurine Starnes Moore
SUMMERS, Mrs. Eric Holt	Carmie E. Holt
TAYLOR, Mrs. Clyde	(Ruth Taylor (Dorothy Taylor

TEAGUE, Olive W.	(Mildred Teague Sawyer (A. A. Teague (J. Lawrence Teague (Meyers Teague (J. W. Teague (Mary Helen Teague Crouse (Alva Teague Parris (Maud Teague Duckett
TIPPETT, Mrs. A. C.	(Mildred Tippett (Dorothy Tippett
TROUTMAN, Mrs. L. C.	Helen T. Westall
TRUETT, Mrs. Hessie	Frank T. Reeder
TUCK, Mrs. R. W.	Mrs. A. C. Tippett
VAN VALKENBURGH, Annie Boling	(Nelle V. V. Nardin (Louise V. V. Armstrong (James Van Valkenburgh (Billy Van Valkenburgh
WAGNER, Mrs. T. F.	Mildred Wagner
WALL, Ethel Patton	Billie M. Wall
WARD, Kate R.	Lillian Haas
WESTALL, Mrs. W. B.	(Ruth W. Ingle (Mary W. Stubbs (Ralph Westall
WILLIAMS, Mrs. J. L.	Mrs. S. O. Nqve
WILLIAMS, Mrs. J. M.	Sarah E. Williams
WILSON, Mrs. W. T.	Mrs. J. G Hanes
WOODSON, Dora Embler	(Tula Woodson Netherton (Lessie Woodson Hughey
WORLEY, Mrs. C. B.	(Harold Worley (Charles Worley
WRIGHT, Amelia Jarrett	Ethel W. Miller
YOUNG, Mrs. C. F.	O. Frank Young
YOUNG, Mrs. O. Frank	Kathryn Young

STEWARDS OF CHURCH PLAN DEBT PAYMENT

Plans Call For Clearing West Asheville Methodist Church Of Debt.

A meeting of stewards of the Methodist churches of the Asheville district was held last night at Central Methodist church for the purpose of discussing paying the debt on the West Asheville church.

This is the only church in the district and one of the three in the conference not debt free. The Rev. J. W. Fitzgerald, pastor, said that $15,000 has been raised on the $47,000 debt on the church which they plan to liquidate in 1944. Of the remainder, the conference has promised $10,000 and another source $7,500 if another $15,000 is raised so that the debt can be paid in full.

The Rev. Clare Purcell, bishop of the Western North Carolina conference,. was principal speaker. "I don't know anything that has given me the satisfaction of the victory of Central church, when the $40,000 debt was paid," he said "This was one-fiftieth of the total state debt of over $2,000 000."

The bishop spoke of the history of the Methodist church, which became an independent church 160 years ago. "In spite of our youth the Methodist church has spread to all parts of the earth," he said.

Erected In 1870

Mr. Fitzgerald said that the West Asheville church was erected in 1870. and that four buildings have been erected up to the present. The membership of Central church put pews in the building before this one.

Edwin L. Jones of Charlotte, chairman of the indebtedness committee of the conference, spoke briefly. He said the committee has raised some of the needed money, and would raise more. He spoke of city mission work in which he is interested, saying this phase has been neglected. Bishop Purcell announced that Mr. Jones has been appointed a member of the general committee on world service and finance in the Methodist church, a group of 32 men from the entire church.

The Rev. W. A Lambeth, pastor of Central church, said, "The West Asheville church is our child and we are going to help her." He urged the cooperation of other Methodist churches in helping the sister church.

The Rev. A. C. Gibbs, district superintendent, also spoke, saying that victory for the Asheville district is almost in sight.

Mr. Fitzgerald presided. Members of the auxiliary of the West Asheville church served dinner.

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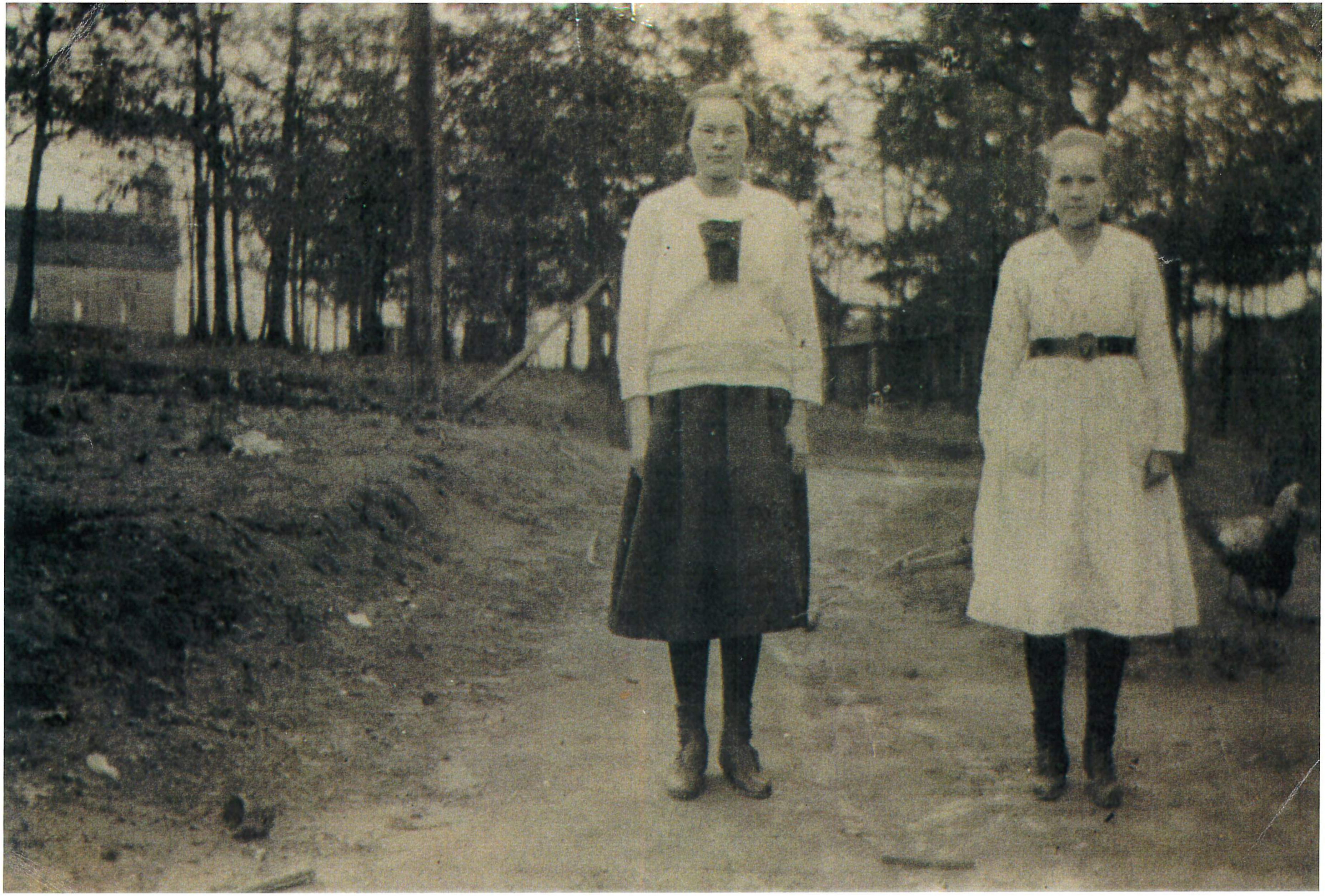
Wilson Chapel United Methodist Church



Wilson's Chapel

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

THIS INDENTURE, Made this the 28th day of February A.D. 1925 by and between Oliver S. Smith, J.P. Lincoln, J.G. Justice, D.J. Mitchell, W.M. Greenlee, Luther Smith, and Haygood Williams, Trustee of Wilson's Chapel of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States of America parties of the first part, and Eugene R. Cocke party of the second part, witnesseth:

That the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of One Thousand ($1000.00)------------Dollars and other good and valuable, considerations Dollars, to them in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have given, granted, bargained, sold, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents do give, grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part his heirs an assigns forever all that certain

xxxxxxx piece, parcel or lot of land, situate, lying and being in the City of Asheville, Buncombe County, North Carolina, and being

and bounded and more particularly described as follows

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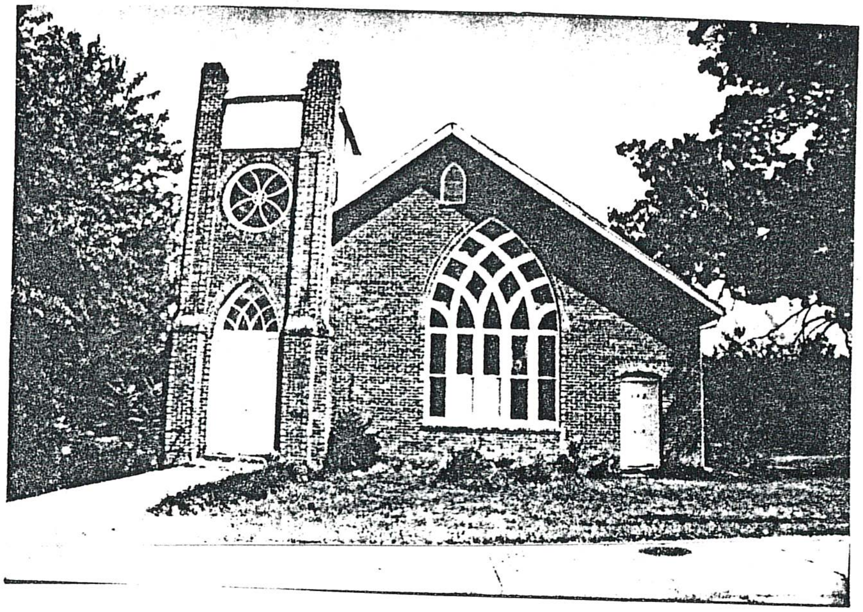
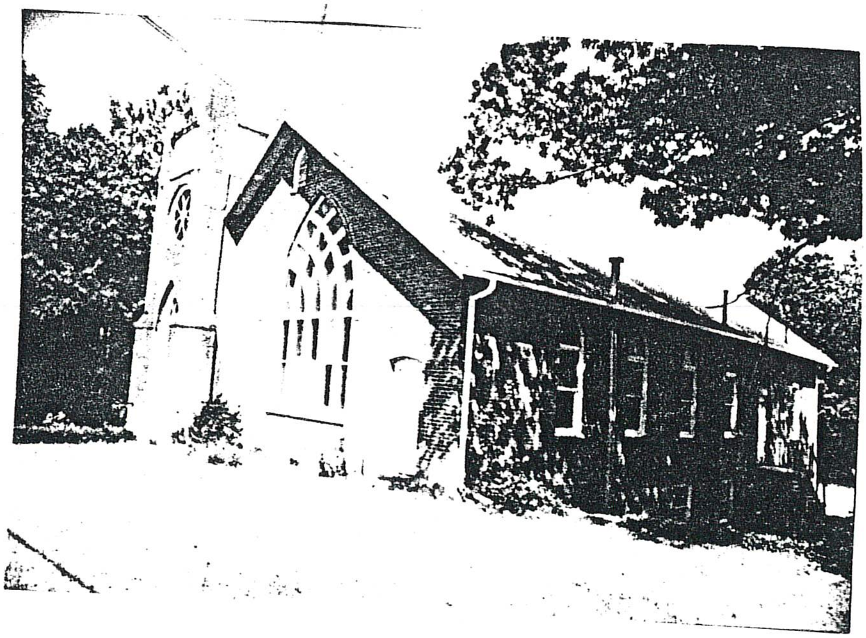
The Church seems to date back to 1918 with Rev. OE Thomas As - Paster. Later in 1919 Rev. Jno W. Shuford was Paster untill 1923 then Rev. RS Abernathy took over untill about 1925. Some information gave the Church begining date as 1889 but gives very little information.





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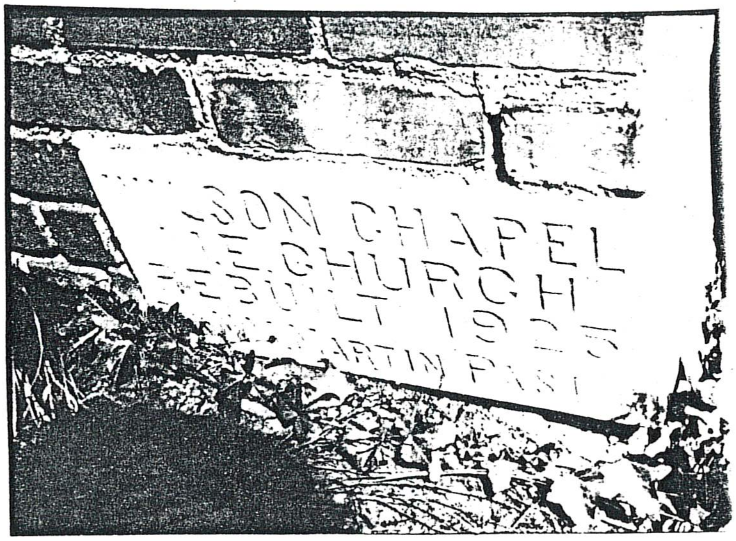
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1919 -	Wilson's Chapel - Haywood - Corner of Virginia Ave. W. Asheville Rev Jno W Shuford Pastor
1920	" Same
1921	" Same
1922	"
1923	Rev. RS Abernethy
1924	"
1925	Winston Chapel ME - 676 Haywood Rd. W Asheville, Rev RS Abernethy
1926	"
1927	Winston Chapel ME - 97 Burton
1928	"
1929	"
1930	101 Burton (Wilson)
1931	Wilson SH. Pressley Pastor
1932	
1933	103 Burton Wilson
1943	Same As above
1953	Same

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

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NOW, THEREFORE, THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH: That I, H.L. Burk, as Trustee of American Service Company, of Kansas City, County of Jackson and the State of Missouri, for and in consideration of One Dollar ($1.00) the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and in accordance with an order entered by the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, Western Division, in the Matter of American Service Company, (Bankruptcy No 12-275), on the 6th day of December 1934, do hereby remise, release and forever quitclaim unto the said American Service Company all those parcels of land situated in said Buncombe County, in the State of North Carolina, and bounded as follows, to-wit:

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ASHEVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 1890.

KILLED WITH AN AXE.

BRUTAL MURDER COMMITTED NEAR THE CITY.

THE VICTIM AN INNOCENT OLD COLORED WOMAN.

She Fought Bravely for her Life but was Overpowered—No Clue to the Murderer.

From Daily Citizen April 14.

A most brutal murder occurred three miles west of the city on Saturday night. By it Harriet Williams, an aged colored woman, lost her life. The particulars are sickening.

Early yesterday morning Barry Park, a colored man who lived near the scene of the tragedy, went in search of his horse, which had wandered away during the night. His walk took him past the cabin which was occupied by Harriet Williams. When near the back door he heard groans from the inside and thinking something might have befallen her he opened the door. There a terrible sight presented itself to him. On the floor at the opposite side of the room and lying in a pool of her own blood lay the woman. Two bloody axes were at her side. Frightened nearly out of his wits the fellow ran to some houses near by and quickly summoned the inmates. They hastened to the scene as soon as possible and entered the house. The surroundings told the story.

Clad only in her night clothes and bleeding profusely from seven ghastly wounds the woman was lying on the floor with her head resting on the bottom step of the stairs that led to the upper story. Near by her lay two axes covered with blood, and scattered about the room were different articles of furniture, wearing apparel and furniture that told plainer than words of the terrible struggle that had taken place during the night.

The woman was not yet dead, although unconscious. She was helped to the bed and every effort made to revive her, but it was vain and an hour later she died without having uttered a word.

The victim of this brutal murder was a highly respected, industrious and saving woman. For three years she has lived entirely alone in the little house where she met her death Saturday night. It is one of five cabins just off of the Haywood road. The nearest house is eighty yards away and is occupied by Hames Henderson. Forty yards farther lives the family of Joseph Latimore and at a distance of 150 and 200 yards respectively live the families of Barry Barks and Mr. Avery Alexander.

For some time past the Williams woman has worked at different places in the city during the week, spending only Sunday at her home. On Saturday she worked at the residence of Geo. W. Pack and in the evening left as usual to spend Sunday at her little cabin. When about a half mile distant she stopped at the store of Fletcher Reynolds to purchase some groceries, and while there talked and joked good naturedly with the clerk. While paying for her goods a five dollar bill dropped to the floor and one of the bystanders picked it up. The clerk noticed the action and looking up he said:

"What would you say Harriett, if I were to tell you that you had lost some money?"

"I should tell you that you might keep all that you found," she replied. "I have not lost any money."

With that the man behind the counter handed the bill to her. She replaced it in her pocketbook and carelessly remarking that she had $5 more at home to go with it left the store.

After she had arrived at her home she was seen several times. Twice she was about the yard for wood and water, and once she went to the Latimore house to get some milk for her tea. The [illegible] o'clock.

No cries were heard from the house during the night. No suspicious persons were seen about the neighborhood and the whole affair is shrouded in mystery.

Coroner Hilliard summoned a jury, composed of J. W. Starnes, C. F. Penniman, J. M. Campbell, R. M. Deaver, M. H. Moneyhan, M. M. Ledford, and an inquest was held. The post mortem revealed three bloody and deep gashes made in the head, a gash at the shoulder that cut to the bone and one on either arm. A slight cut had been made on the ankle. The evidence was substantially as above, and from the appearance of the room it was evident that the struggle had been a long and desperate one.

The murder was doubtless committed by a would-be robber who knew that the woman had some money about her person and who secreted himself in the house until she had retired. The victim always slept with an axe at the head of her bed and one was standing at the wall near the rear door. When all was quiet in the night it is supposed that the murderer came from his hiding place, and while moving about the room aroused the woman. She jumped to her feet and grasped the weapon. He took up the other axe and the struggle began. The door at the front was hacked as were the stairs and one of the axe helves showed two fresh cuts that told of a blow that had fallen short of its mark. The man was undoubtedly the stronger of the two and the victory was his. Leaving his victim on the floor he turned to the dress she had taken off and looked for the money. He cut the pocket open, took from it a bunch of keys and perhaps some money and fled. That he did not get all of her money, and perhaps none, was discovered late in the afternoon. Her pocket book containing $8.75 was found under the mattress of her bed. Both of the axes found near were covered with blood and to one hair adhered which upon investigation proved to have come from the head of the murdered woman. It is the opinion of Detective Deaver, however, that the man was wounded in the struggle.

Sometime ago she told her friends that she had money in the bank. No bank book was found yesterday and it is thought that it was taken.

The murdered woman was about 53 years old and was, in old slavery days, the property of Senator Vance, and later was given to the Rev. R, N. Price. She was known to the citizens of Asheville better by the name of Harriet Vance than by the name of Williams. The latter was the name of her husband who deserted her twenty-three years ago.

The coroner's jury adjourned without agreeing upon a verdict and will hold another meeting. The case is in the hands of the sheriff and the officers are doing their best to run the murderer down, but as yet there is positively no clew. The funeral took place at 3 o'clock this afternoon from Wilson's Chapel, about a mile from the home of the dead woman,

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Young Women's Christian Assn—Office Castanea Bldg (3d fl); lunch room 48 Haywood, home 55 Oak, Mrs Fred Kent pres, Miss Martha P Tracy genl sec

*Young Women's Christian Assn (Phillis Wheatley branch)—26½ s Market, Lula A Dusenburg executive sec

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CHURCHES—White

Adventists

Seventh Day Adventist — 240 Haywood; Rev H L Shoup pas

Baptist

Bent Creek—Old Brevard rd; Rev S J Morgan pastor

Biltmore—16 Summit st, S Biltmore; Rev S T Hensley pastor

Calvary Baptist—Hanover nr Haywood rd W Ashev; Rev Jno B Grice pastor

Chunn's Cove Church—Chunn's Cove; Rev J C Bennett pastor

First—College cor Spruce; Rev R J Bateman pastor

Free Will—W Ashev; Rev R V Self pastor

French Broad Av—61 Bartlett; Rev H S Howard pastor

Haw Creek—Haw Creek; Rev R S Creasman pastor

Hazel Green Baptist — Hazel Mill rd W Ashev, Rev Cauble pas

Hill's Chapel—78 Craven, W Ashev; (no regular pastor)

Horney Heights Church—Sulphur Springs rd (W Ashev)

Little Mission Baptist Church—Broadway cor Catawba

Missionary Baptist—72 Craven W Ashev Rev Earl Bradley pastor

North Asheville Mission — 20 Center st; Rev Benj F Sorgee pastor

Riverside Baptist—Weaverville rd; Rev F L Snyder pastor

West End—53 Buxton; Rev J C Bennett pastor

Christian

Christian—Haywood opp Flint;

Christian Science

First Church of Christ, Scientist—66 n French Broad av

Congregational

First—322 Merrimon av; Rev J B Thrall pastor

Episcopal

All Souls—Angle cor Swan, Biltmore; Rev A G B Bennett rect

Chunn's Cove—Chunn's Cove; Rev R A Chapman pastor

Church of the Redeemer — Riverside rd; Rev R A Chapman rector

Grace Memorial—Grace N C

St Mary's Parish—Charlotte cor Macon av; Rev Chas M Hall M A, rector

Trinity Church — Aston cor Church

Hebrew

Beth Ha Tephilla Synagoge—69 n Spruce; M P Jacobson rabbi

Bickercholim Synagoge—121 s Liberty; Rev Elias Fox, rabbi

Holiness

Holiness Church (The)—24 Atkinson, Rev Aaron Embler pastor

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Balm Grove M E (South) — Haywood rd, W Ashev; Rev L W Colson pastor

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Haywood Street M E (South)—279 Haywood; Rev Carlock Hawk pastor

Meth Protestant—Merrimon av cor Hillside

Mt Pleasant—Grace (R D 1); Rev J M Folger pastor

Wesleyan — Richmond av W Ashville; Rev E W Black pastor

West Asheville — Rev L W Brown pastor

Woodfin Methodist Church — Burnsville Hill

Presiding Elder Asheville District—Rev W H Willis

Presbyterian

First—Church nr Patton av; Rev R F Campbell pastor

Oakland Heights—Biltmore av cor Victoria rd

Ora Street—96 Ora; no regular pastor

West Asheville—Haywood rd; Rev Paul N Gresham pastor

Roman Catholic

St Lawrence—95-97 Haywood; Rev L J Bour pastor

Salvation Army

504 w Haywood; headquarters 28 s Ann; Capt W L Hall in chge

CHURCHES—Colored

Baptist

Cappadocia—Max nr Grail; Rev W M Adams pastor

First—Pine cor Hazzard; Rev O R Gordon pastor

Hill Street—Hill cor Buttrick; Rev Saml Miller

Mt Olive—149 Livingston; Rev J I Watson pastor

Mt Zion Baptist—55 Eagle; Rev Jacob R Nelson pastor

Nazareth—Pine cor Hazzard; Rev O R Bordon pastor

New Bethel — 502 s French Broad av; Rev E M Robinson pastor

St John's—S Ashev; Rev Walker Anderson pastor

St Paul's—Fayetteville W Asheville; Rev Edwd Dixon pastor

Episcopal

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Shiloh A M E Zion—Chiloh s Bilt; Rev C W Simmons pastor

Holiness

Fire Baptizing Church of God—Brooklyn s Bilt, Rev G W Bennett pastor

Holiness—Black nr Hibernia; Rev A M Bacon pastor

Holiness—74 Gudger; L M Williams pastor

Holiness—S Biltmore; Rev W M Mills pastor

Methodist

Berry Temple M E—246 e College; Rev J A Baxter pastor

Hopkins Chapel (A M E Zion)—225 e College; Rev S J Howie pastor

St James (A M E)—Pine nr Hildebrand; Rev J E Holt pastor

St Paul Baptist Church—Fayetteville W Ashev; Rev E W Dickson pastor

Southside (A M E Zion)—186 Southside av; Rev W M Anderson pastor

Varick Chapel (A M E Zion)—80 Hill

West Asheville (A M E Zion)—Haywood rd W Ashev; Rev Geo Griffin pastor

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Methodist churches
Haywood cor Virginia av W Asher
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Distinguished Negro To Lecture Here Dec. 11-12

Prof S. A. Haynes, distinguished negro journalist, lecturer and philosopher, is to lecture at Wilson's Methodist church, 101 Burton street, West Asheville, Tuesday and Wed- [illegible] announc[illegible] yesterday.

He will discuss the philosophy of Marcus Garvey, founder and president of the universal negro improvement association.

Prof Haynes has travelled widely in Africa, India, Europe, the West Indies, and Central America studying the negro problem.

Asheville Citizen November 28, 1928

Wilson Chapel Laymen's Club Meets On Frida

The Laymen's club of the Wilso Chapel (Negro) Methodist churc on Burton street in West Ashevil will sponsor a special program Fr day evening at 8:15 o'clock.

Speakers for the evening will b E. W. Pearson, on "Defense," W C Allen on "What We Need," an S. L. Wilburn, speaking on "Th Negro and America."

No admission charge will b made. A silver offering will b taken. The public is invited t attend and special seats are bein reserved for white persons. Th Rev. H. A. Davis is pastor.

Asheville Times April 15, 1942

“Wednesday night, we had a woman who couldn't survive

mend a home, discovered she had no power at home and no

were en route to other destinations spent the Wednesday

anytime we have snow in the four to six-inch range,”

shortage of meals ter,” Rogers said.

EWART BALL/CITIZEN-TIMES

Working in the basement of the old Wilson Chapel United Methodist Church are the Rev. Ann Threadwell, left, Andrew Caldwell and the Rev. Terry Threadwell, pastor of the Asheville City Church. The Asheville City Church moved into the building last October.

Asheville City Church finds new home

By Henry Robinson

RELIGION EDITOR

For more than three years, the Asheville City Church worshiped in the community room of the Asheville YWCA while praying for a place to worship and minister to the needs of the poor and homeless.

Last October, the prayers of the church were answered when they were given permission to use the old Wilson Chapel United Methodist Church building on Burton Street.

The church building was vacated when the Wilson Chapel congregation began merging with French Broad United Methodist Church on N. French Broad Avenue.

The Rev. Terry Threadwell, tor of the Asheville City Church, es that congregation will be allowed worship in the building for the next two years, at which time the Department of Transportation is expected to demolish the edifice for the widening of Interstate 26.

“We had to completely refurbish the downstairs portion of the building,” Threadwell said. One of the main support beam was littered by termites, forcing us to tear it out and replace it. We also remodeled the kitchen area.”

“We are looking to get our parish nursing program established, under the leadership of the Rev. Mary Wilson, who is a registered nurse. The new location has also given us the space we need for our feeding program and food pantry.” A second food pantry site has been established at French Broad United Methodist Church.

He said Asheville City Church recently appointed Andrew Caldwell as project director of the Samaritan Drug Outreach, which is expected to begin this spring. Caldwell will coordinate a number of services to those with addiction problems. He will be setting up a number of programs to aid recovery and rehabilitation as well as outreach.

Samaritan Outreach Services have been actively involved with the Buncombe County Drug Commission with Threadwell serving as chairman of the Homelessness Committee for the Appalachian Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition.

“With the current changes in the welfare system, the faith community will be expected to put the words of Matthew 25:35-36 into action,” he said.

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"This is an attempt to bring closure in light of the saints who have gone before us and the saints who dwell among us," said senior pastor Curtis Williams. "Closure in a sense of thanking God for the building and our edifice that God has granted us for worship.

"We know in our hearts and our minds that the people are the church, but truly we need a worship place and that place has been so vital in the ministry of Wilson Chapel throughout the years from 1926 to the present day."

Williams said the first Wilson Chapel was located on Virginia Avenue and Haywood Road across from West Asheville Presbyterian Church.

The merger will take place May 17 with Bishop Charlene P. Kammerer, bishop of the Western North Carolina United Methodist Conference, who assisted in the historic Ceremony of Commemoration. The conference is expected to sanction the merger in July.

Williams said the church has been working on consolidating the budgets of the two congregations. With a congregation of 24 members coming from Wilson Chapel and a total membership of 42 vs. an average worship attendance of four from French Broad and a total membership of 30, their budgets were very similar. Wilson Chapel is a black congregation. French Board is a white congregation.

It is the first time in the history of the United Methodist Church in Asheville that a black congregation and white congregation have merged.

Williams said the congregation is still searching for a name for the new church. "One of the names we are looking at is the same name the church initially had in 1928 and that name was First United Methodist Church.

"I had mentioned the name Amalgamated Church since it means merging into one body and acknowledging the gifts and graces of both congregations," Williams said.

Downtown church finds NEW lease on life

With a new name and vision for the future, First Methodist provides a place for blacks and whites to worship together

PHOTOS BY STEVE DIXON/CITIZEN-TIMES

Terry Letman learns a new hymn during a Wednesday choir practice at First United Methodist Church. Forged in a merger between two dwindling downtown congregations, First Methodist has brought blacks and whites together in worship.

By Dale Neal
STAFF WRITER

ASHEVILLE – When the Rev. Curtis Williams first drove up to his new assignment as part-time pastor of Wilson Chapel United Methodist Church, the sign had fallen down in front of the dying downtown congregation.

"Oh Lord, did you call me to this?" Williams said to himself.

Two years later, Wilson Chapel has more than just a new sign. The church boasts a new name, location and lease on life.

Under Williams' leadership, the mostly black congregation of Wilson Chapel joined forces with the mostly white French Broad United Methodist Church to create the First United Methodist Church on French Broad Avenue. Two dwindling churches that saw only a handful of worshipers now witness a still rare sight in Asheville, an interracial service each Sunday morning.

As a graduate of Duke Divinity School, Williams mixes the cerebral with celebration in his sermons, eliciting "amens" and vocal approval from the pews as he mops his brow with a white handkerchief in the heat.

"No one can sing these songs like we can," Williams booms out after a song from the mostly African-American choir led by music director Terry Letman.

"We can go from hardship to hallelujah without breaking stride. We can turn a courtroom into an upper room," Williams whoops. "The black church was born as a result of the disparity between the Christian ethic and social policy. We apologize at no time and no place for our blackness."

Louise Long, left, and Nancy Rollins share a choir hymnal.

Then he stops. "But isn't it wonderful to worship, blacks and whites together."

He turns to the choir where one white woman adds diversity to the lineup. He points out Nancy Rollins as "my certified, light-skinned soul sister."

Rollins had been to other larger churches in town, where she felt "like a speck." But at First Methodist, she said, "I fell in love with the people here. It's such a small church that I realized if it was going to grow, I would have to help."

Rollins joined the choir and she volunteered to help with the youth. Each service, she runs the Children's Moment, sharing a Bible story with the congregation's kids gathered before the pulpit.

Rollins's husband, David Tedford, runs the sound system at the back of the sanctuary, helping Williams' words and the choir's songs raise the rafters. The couple hasn't officially joined the church, but they keep showing up each Sunday.

"Everyone in our church has his or her own ministry," Williams says proudly, watching his membership increase from 13 to 36 members.

Rev. Curtis Williams

Even as a dynamo of energy, Williams, 35, says he knows he can't build First Methodist by himself. He sees the pastoral role as providing a vision for the people to follow, not to try to do everything himself.

"A leader is one step ahead of his congregation. A martyr is 10 steps ahead, trying to do it all. You need not kill yourself. You just need to get 10 people to do the work of 10 people."

Williams said the church allots 10 percent of its annual budget to send each member to a church leadership seminar twice a year. And the monthly business meetings aren't just about offerings and pledges, but auditing everything in the First Methodist ministry from the type on the welcome cards to how high the letters should be on their new sign.

"Folks are getting fired up," he said. "This church will slowly be revitalized. All those little things add up to the big picture. What do we need to build to 100 members? Then 250, then 500, then 1,000. It's one step at a time."

To help his budding congregation, Williams declined the use of a parsonage, relying on a housing allowance from the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. The money that had been spent on housing the pastor has gone into a new heating and air-conditioning system for the church, replacing old barred windows, insulation and another sign.

With the impending sale of the old Wilson Chapel site to the Department of Transportation, the church hopes to expand at the French Broad Avenue site.

And Williams has visions to reach into the next century. From his pulpit, he talks to a growing congregation about the future – video screens, computerized Powerpoint presentations, sound systems, the technology that will carry the gospel to a new generation.

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"The same God who spoke in Grandma's time is still speaking now," Williams said. "But we have to bring the people to hear the language of salvation in a contemporary setting. We have to marry the word of God to the people of God today."

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Conda Painter, curator of the West Asheville History Museum, stands June 22 near the site of an old cemetery in West Asheville. The area is believed to be the historic location of Wilson's Chapel A.M.E. Church and cemetery. The church moved in 1925 to 103 Burton St. and is now called Community Baptist Church, led by Pastor Calvin Hailstock.
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THE LOST CEMETERY

Museum curator spearheads decades-long search for human remains recently found in West Asheville

Sarah Honosky Asheville Citizen Times | USA TODAY NETWORK

The discovery of human remains at a West Asheville construction site June 16 was no accident. ● For Conda Painter, a third-generation local and curator of the West Asheville History Museum, it was the culmination of decades of research, storytelling and porch-side rumors. ● Since the 1980s, she's been researching the possibility of a cemetery nearly in her own backyard, a parcel of land at the corner of Haywood Road and Virginia Avenue, as well as the history of the since-relocated Wilson's Chapel A.M.E. Church and the bodies literally left behind. **See CEMETERY, Page 6A**

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Calvin Hailstock
Pastor of Community Baptist Church, speaking about those buried in the old cemetery site that he hopes will be recognized as a state historical marker

Cemetery

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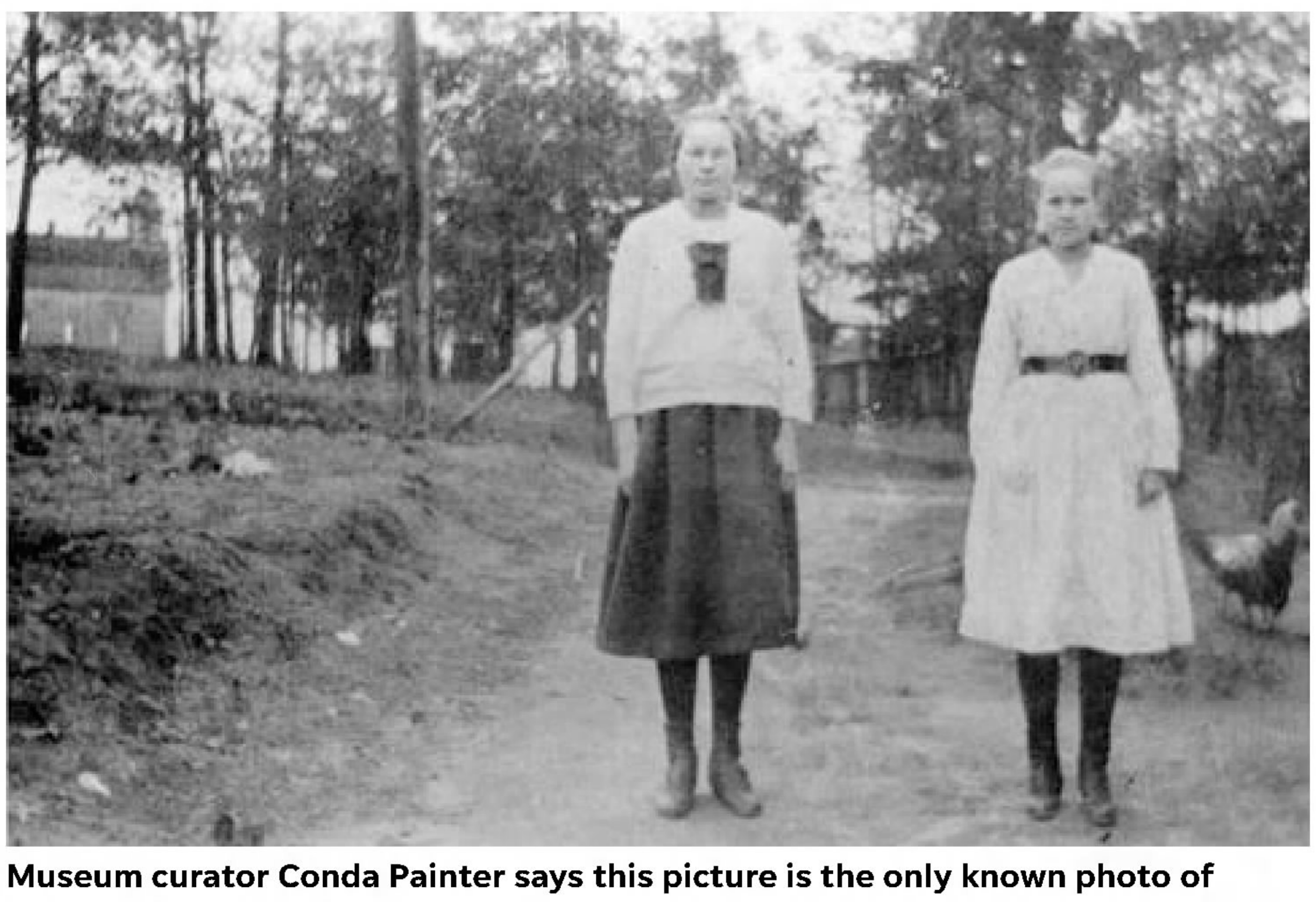
Levi King, of TRC Environmental, sifts through dirt June 22 at the site of an old cemetery in West Asheville. The cemetery is believed to have been on the site of the former Wilson's Chapel A.M.E. Church. ANGELA WILHELM/ASHEVILLE CITIZEN TIMES

Community Baptist Church, once located on Haywood Road as Wilson's Chapel A.M.E. Church, sits at 103 Burton St. in West Asheville. ANGELA WILHELM/ASHEVILLE CITIZEN TIMES



Museum curator Conda Painter says this picture is the only known photo of Wilson's Chapel A.M.E. Church, seen in the top left background. PROVIDED

On a Friday in June, Tasha Benyshek, senior archeologist for a private sector firm, TRC Environmental, was onsite at 680 Haywood Road. She was brought onto the project by property owner Imran Alam in 2021 after a "stop work order" was issued for pending construction due to the parcel's proximity to a possible archeological site.

The investigation and documentary research was part of a recommendation to Alam and the city from the Office of State Archeology, a division of the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

As a permit condition set by the City of Asheville Development Services Department, the property owner agreed to engage the firm to be on-site, city spokesperson Kim Miller confirmed.

"This was not construction monitoring, it was a planned investigation," Benyshek said. At the south end of the property, where the cemetery was suspected, her team was excavating fill dirt as part of a pre-construction archeological effort.

That day, Painter was running between a home nearby on Nevada Avenue and the construction site.

Weeks into the dig, she had a feeling, Painter said, "This is the day." She wasn't there 10 minutes before the remains were found.

"It was something else," she said. "I knew they were going to find something, but it was still a shock that I was right. I feel like there is closure to this whole thing."

As someone who has lived in her West Asheville neighborhood her entire life, Painter has spent years telling people the story of what she believed to be a lost cemetery. On June 16, with the reveal of grave shafts, "coffin hardware" and the remains, she had her proof.

How was the cemetery lost?

Though Benyshek's official involvement began three years ago, the site has been on her radar for over a decade, after she visited the area to search for grave shafts as a favor to Cecil Bothwell, who wrote a story about the then-investigation in 2006 for Mountain Xpress.

That same story mentions Painter, whom Benyshek thanked in a June 22 conversation with the Citizen Times.

"She cared about this place, she cares about all of West Asheville," Benyshek said of Painter. She's the one who made the discovery possible, Benyshek said, and who kept the story alive.

By now, they have a clearer vision of what happened at the site. Believed to be the historic location of Wilson's Chapel and cemetery, located there as early as 1883, the building was closed and moved in 1925 to 103 Burton St. It is now called Community Baptist Church.

An African Methodist Episcopal church, Wilson's Chapel was historically Black, and those formerly enslaved are likely among those buried there. Benyshek said some members of the current congregation still have family ties back to the original congregation.

Among the only names she has of someone funeralized at Wilson's Chapel, and suspected to once be buried there, is Harriett Williams. Williams was once enslaved by N.C. Civil War-era Gov. Zebulon Vance, according to Benyshek, and was murdered by someone with an axe, according to a newspaper clipping from 1890.

When the church was moved, the cemetery was supposed to be moved as well. Details are blurry, Benyshek said, but evidence suggests some bodies were relocated to Green Hills, a cemetery on New Leicester Highway, including Williams, whose gravestone now stands there.

"We've had to follow all these little tentacles just to even try to figure out how many people were buried there. We have no idea how many people might still be there. We just have no idea," she said.

"Long story short, everybody wasn't moved like they were supposed to be in 1925. We certainly confirmed that last Friday."

It's all too common for these sites to be lost, she said, and Black gravesites and cemeteries have been historically ignored.

"And not just African American cemeteries," Benyshek said, "it's all small cemeteries where mostly everybody is marked with fieldstones. But you don't expect this to happen with a cemetery associated with a church."

When human remains were found, state statutes kicked in and work was halted. "The place will be protected," she said.

Benyshek said it was "disappointing" that all of the bodies were not moved, "and care wasn't taken."

"It's not the outcome that anybody wanted, but if there were people out there, I certainly wanted us to discover them," she said. Now the process of preservation and protection can begin.

'Preserve their peace'

Calvin Hailstock, pastor of Community Baptist Church, said though he wished all graves had been properly moved, now is the time to be redemptive and ensure those interred there are remembered properly.

"Wilson's Chapel's history is our history. We can't detach ourselves from that because of where we are located. And because in African American community, I believe we are all family," Hailstock said.

"When we talk about slavery and our ancestors, that is even a deeper-rooted issue."

He hopes to see the site memorialized, perhaps recognized as a state historical marker. "Not just a sign," he said, but something more than that. To "represent them for generations to come."

"The history and the mark that those persons made, even in slavery, is so important to be preserved," he said.

Hailstock imagined what would be said, "if those graves could talk."

"And they are talking, they are talking," he said. "They are saying, 'We want to be remembered and we want to be remembered in peace.' "

Buried history

Benyshek commended the city and state agencies, the neighbors, property owners and pastor and congregates of Community Baptist, saying the process worked as it should have.

Per N.C. General Statute protocol, Chapter 40, Article 3, once the discovery was found, a state archeologist was notified, as well as the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, the county medical examiner and local law enforcement.

Dylan Clark, assistant state archeologist, based in the state's Asheville office, said the discovery on Haywood Road wasn't typical. But it's not rare, either.

With countless burial sites across the state, on a landscape where humans have lived for 14,000 years, he said "ground-disturbing" activities, like construction, always carry a risk.

"In this particular case, this was a call that was not entirely unexpected," Clark said. His department knew the historical context of the site ahead of time, though with so much renovation, change and construction since the church's removal in the 1920s, "there was only a very small area in which there was the potential to be remains."

His office was first notified of the site in 2021, when the city and concerned residents, like Painter, contacted the Office of State Archeology to ask how any construction should proceed.

The property has a storied history. Or, as Benyshek puts it, "This place has been through it."

It was a gas station in the '30s, a dry cleaners that caught fire in the '70s, then a car lot and a car wash. Now, it's a raw field of red dirt across busy Haywood Road from an Ingles market. Across the property line is a parking lot owned by Presbytery of Western North Carolina, which also owns the neighboring West Asheville Presbyterian Church.

As part of the project's next steps, Clark said the project is entering the "documenting and reporting stage."

Clark said "as the human remains are staying in place," the state office will not have charge of them or be directly involved in any next steps in relation to the preservation of the cemetery.

In general, when it comes to how to best reinter the remains, "our preference is always avoidance and what we call preservation in place … everything is preserved as close to the original location that it was found," he said.

As part of the documentation, Benyshek is responsible for a full report, which will be filed with the city and state.

"Where I am going to leave this, there is more that can be done as far as research and putting pieces of the puzzle together. I sure hope that happens," she said, such as a ground penetrating radar study that would identify graves without any further disturbance.

The story behind the construction

Buncombe County property records list Reevan Enterprise LLC of Asheville as the owner of the property. In 2021, the Citizen Times traced this company to Alam and Medhat Salameh.

Salameh owns the Mr. Kabab Grill in East Asheville.

Permits submitted Jan. 6 describe the project as a new commercial building: two stories, with retail units on the first floor, an office on the second floor and a penthouse, possibly for a staff lounge. Plus, parking for 40 vehicles.

Alam told the Citizen Times June 23 that tenants were already secured for the building, including a new Mr. Kabab Grill location on one side, an Indian restaurant on the other, a Pilates and acupuncture studio on the second floor, and a Hookah bar in the penthouse.

The southern area where graves were found, now cordoned off, was mostly planned for parking. Alam said his team is in conversations with the city to discuss if the project can proceed with scaled-back parking.

Alam hopes to donate the area of the land that contains the cemetery and build a retaining wall and monument so people can honor those interred there.

"I have a lot of respect for these people," he said.

He has owned the parcel for four years, he said and had heard no rumors about a cemetery until Painter approached during construction, article in hand.

"We stopped the work," he said. After a visit from the state archeologist, Benyshek was later brought on at the state and city's recommendation.

City spokesperson Miller said construction could continue, though not within the barrier around the "area of discovery."

What's next?

Benyshek said it's likely more of the cemetery is located across the property line under the presbytery's lot.

She said her formal recommendation will be "preservation in place," avoiding any further disturbance of that area of land. Personally, she hopes the presbytery would donate their parcel to the city, where it could become a greenspace, with a historical marker.

Painter wished for something similar: for a monument to be erected there, so people would remember.

"It's what I wanted for people to know," Painter said, standing at the edge of the construction site on June 22, red clay staining her white sneakers. She pointed toward the steep bank at the southern lip of the property, where TRC crews were sifting dirt under a light drizzle of rain.

Riding her bike past the site as a kid, she used to look at that corner of the lot and wonder. "It's taken all these years to come to life."

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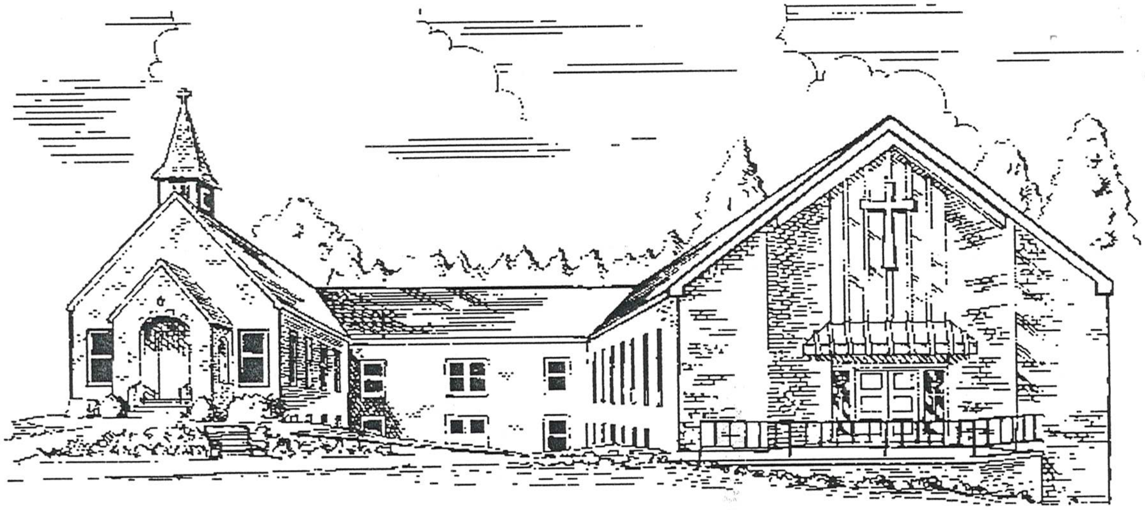

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF
THE MALVERN HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ASHEVILLE, N. C.

In the spring of 1943 and out-post Sunday School was begun in the Malvern Hills Community under the sponsorship of the West Asheville Presbyterian Church. Mr. Hal Gilbreath, an elder of that church, was the moving force behind the initial effort. Mr. William Fitch, a student at Union Theological Seminary, first served the small group as both pastor and organist. Services were held in a vacant store building at 50 Mimosa Drive.

The congregation was formally organized on October 31, 1943, with thirty charter members. The Rev. R. Frederick Brown was called as their first pastor. The late Mr. C. L. Kiser was the first elder, Mr. C. E. Jones the first deacon, and Miss Elaine Lawson the first Sunday School Superintendent. Attendance at Church and Sunday School grew steadily. Sunday night services were held regularily, and Vacation Bible School was in full operation each summer.

Mr. Brown resigned in August, 1946, and supply pastors served until the Rev. Charles C. West came in June, 1947. Under his ministry the building of a sanctuary and some space for Sunday School classes was completed in May, 1948. This building is on lots purchased for the church at the intersection of Bear Creek Road and Patton Avenue.

Upon Mr. West's resignation in 1949, and after a series of supply ministers, the congregation received W. Maynard Fountain, Jr., a 1950 graduate of Union Theological Seminary. He was ordained and installed in July, 1950, and served the church until 1955. During Mr. Fountain's ministry the congregation continued to grow both in spirit and in numbers, nearing 200 members by 1952. Also, an addition to the sanctuary, plus more classrooms and a new pastor's study was constructed in 1954. New lights in the sanctuary were installed and a small organ was purchased. Several years later the present organ, larger and more beautiful, was donated by two annoymous members.

After Mr. Fountain's resignation in 1955, the Rev. W. W. Preston, a former missionary to Brazil, was called and a manse at 25 Chester Place was acquired. Mr. Preston served from February, 1956, until June, 1957.

The late Rev. Dr. W. W. Pharr, a retired minister living at Montreat, served as supply pastor for two years. The congregation is indebted to this most loved and faithful friend.

Another faithful and beloved pastor is the Rev. James L. Jackson, Sr., who began his ministry at Malvern Hills in July, 1959, and served until his retirement on July 1, 1969. Much progress was made during these years - - the six lots on which the church stands were paid for; the congregation became self-supporting after many years of assistance from the Board of Home Missions; and, in 1964, a second addition to the church was completed. This included six new classrooms, new restroom and nursery facilities, and a new heating system large enough to accommodate a new sanctuary building which the congregation is looking forward to in the future.

Beginning in 1961 the congregation of Malvern Hills Church joined with the Malvern Hills Community Club in presenting a live Nativity scene on the lawn of the church. This was always very popular, drawing such large crowds that a policeman was assigned to direct traffic.

On the night of January 1, 1965, the church suffered a $6,000. fire as the result of a potential thief's carelessness. All damage was covered by insurance. Not so well covered, however, was a burglary in the fall of 1976, when the church was stripped of $3,000. worth of office and kitchen equipment, even clocks and pictures from the walls. Good progress is being made now in replacing the stolen items

For many years the Women of the Church at Malvern Hills have supported a child at the Presbyterian Home; and since 1965, the congregation has contributed annually toward the support of several missionaries. At present (1976) they are: Miss Cora Weyland in Korea, and the Olin Colemans in Brazil, both PCUS missionaries; and the Howard Moores in Brazil, who are members of the JARS unit of Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Following Mr. Jackson's retirement the church was served by the Rev. Harold Borchert from July, 1969, until March, 1972. Also in 1969 the congregation sold the manse at 25 Chester Place and bought the present one at 22 School Road.

In August, 1972, the Rev. Richard A. Curnow, Jr., more affectionately known as "Sandy", was installed at Malvern Hills, and is the current pastor. Although no more building projects have been undertaken since 1964, much progress has been made in organization, teaching, service, giving and spiritual growth. The congregation has participated effectively in the work of the Presbytery; eldershave served on Presbytery executive committees; and women have provided leadership on Presbyterial levels. The financial provision of the two-bedroom staff cabin at Little Pisgah was almost entirely the result of regular gifts from this church.

Malvern Hills, although a small community church, continues to serve not only its own and surrounding neighborhoods, but numerous members who travel many miles each week to worship in its friendly, Christian atmosphere - - where strangers as well as members are welcomed with Christian love.

"We are laborers together with God." — I Cor. 3:9.

This Week at ..

Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 19

60th Anniversary Celebration

9:45 AM	Testimonies of Former Pastors
10:55 AM	Announcements
11:00 AM	Worship Service
12:15 PM	Luncheon

Tuesday, October 21

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast. (@ MHPC)
5:45 PM	Deacon's Meeting
7:00 PM	Session Meeting

Wednesday, October 22

5:30 PM	Dinner
6:20PM	Programs & Prayer Meeting

Thursday, October 23

7:00 PM	Davidson Shg. Grp
7:00 PM	Mathis Shg. Grp.

Friday & Saturday, October 24 & 25

WIC Retreat @ Ridge Haven

Memorials

For: Jack Miller

Given By: M/M Ralph Woodiwiss
Mrs. Sarah Kiser
Mrs. Mattie Lou Dean
M/M Theodore Spadea
Elizabeth & Johnnie Hensley

Remember the Elder & Deacon Nominations

Elder and Deacon Nomination forms are available in the front foyer and on a table in the Fellowship Hall. Please make your nomination and place the sheet in the box in the Fellowship Hall or in the Secretary's box in the office hall way. Nominations will be accepted until October 21st.

Happy Birthday !!
10/20 Cecil Arthur
10/20 Frances Farlinger
10/20 Cathy Tilley
10/23 Nancy Watkins

Happy Anniversary!!
10/19 Bob & Shirley Barr
10/19 Bob & Jean Moore

Stop and consider God's wonders. Job 37:14

October Ushers: Bob Hughes (head), George Becker, Mike Hughes, James Watkins
Office Volunteer Next Friday: Ruth Miller
Attendance Last Sunday: 99

There will be no Evening Service tonight. However, there is a youth activity planned. Please see Ben for details.

Our Sanctuary Flowers are for the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for, and in the celebration of, the 60th anniversary of MHPC.

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Youth Directors: Ben and Anna Porter
Secretary: Mitzie Robinson

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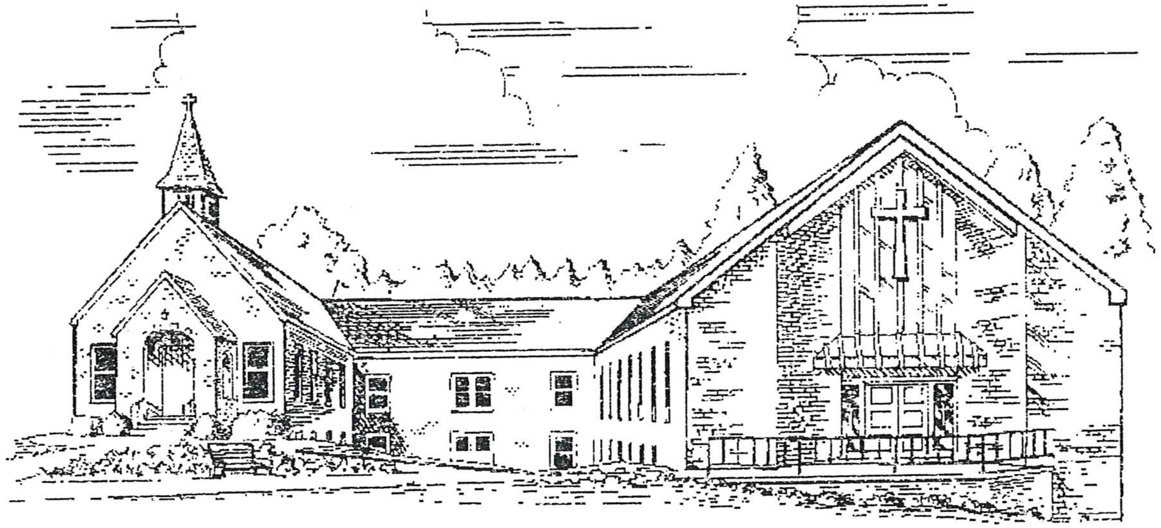

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Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church
Services of Praise and Celebration for 60 years of God's Faithfulness
October 19, 2003

9:45 A.M. ***God's faithfulness Seen in Testimonies of the Former Pastors***

11:00 A.M. ***Morning Worship Service***

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
(Please sign the fellowship registers at this time.)

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD
Meditation Verse*: Lord, You have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. From everlasting to everlasting, You are God.* From Psalm 90:1-2
Prelude: *Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier*
Choral Introit: *With a Voice of Singing*
*Hymn: *To God Be the Glory* No. 64 or see insert
*Invocation: Rev. Harold Borchert
Confession of Faith: see insert Rev. Doug Tilley
Congregational Song: *Majesty* see insert

BR!NG TITHES AND OFFERINGS AND COME INTO HIS COURTS
An Invitation to bring our Tithes & Offerings to the Lord Rev. Glen McClung
Offertory: *You Are My All in All*
Gloria Patri: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."*
*Prayer of Dedication Rev. Maynard Fountain

WORSHIP THE LORD IN SONG
Anthem: *Come to the Waters* The Choir
Dismissal of Children to Children's Church [3rd grade & younger]

COME AND PRAY TO ME AND I WILL LISTEN TO YOU
Morning Prayer: Rev. Bill Clark

THE WORD OF GOD ABIDES FOREVER
Scripture Reading: Colossians 4:1-6 [page 1167 in pew Bible or on insert]
Sermon: "Announcing the Mystery of Christ" Rev. Sandy Curnow
Prayer of Commitment
*Hymn: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* No. 39 or see insert
*Benediction: Rev. Doug Tilley
*Benediction Chorus: *Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee. How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*
*Postlude: *Paraphrase on "Hymn to Joy"*

****Those able, please stand.***
We are small enough to know you and large enough to serve you!
Please let us!

Words for Anthem: *Come to the Water* John B. Foley

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord;
Without money, without price. Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord, the Lord?
And let all who seek, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:
Without money, without strife. Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord, the Lord?
And let all who toil, let them come to the water. And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord:
All who labor, who labor without rest. How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord, the Lord?
And let all the poor, let them come to the water. Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord:
Bring the children without might. Easy to load and light: come to the Lord, the Lord.
Come to the water: Come to the water; come to the Lord.

Welcome to the 60th Anniversary Celebration of MHPC!
We are glad you have chosen to worship with us on this special occasion.
We praise God for His faithfulness to us over these years.
Immediately following the morning worship service there will be a luncheon downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. There is no charge. However, there will be a donation basket available for those who wish to help defray the expense. If you write a check for this purpose, please mark it "60th meal donation."

We Offer A Special Welcome to the
Former Pastors, Pastors' Wives, and Families, to former members of MHPC
and to all who have come to make this a special day!

Redecorating of MHPC
Many faithful folks have been busy redecorating our facilities. Please take a tour through the building to see the improvements which have already been made in the various places. Other work is planned and will be done as funds become available. (The Redecorating Committee has developed a master plan.) We have a great desire to keep up our facility in a way that honors Christ.

Everyone Is Welcome at...
Wednesday Evenings at
Malvern Hills
Dinner: Serving from 5:30 – 6:10
Cost: $2.50 Family max: $8.00
Children 5 & under: no charge
First-time visitors: no charge
Programs: At 6:20 for all ages of children and adults.
Menu for10/2203: Lasagna, Garlic bread, Salad bar & Dessert.

Circle #1 has canceled the trip to the Snyder's home due to illness. Our next meeting will be in November.

Remember: The Little Saints Fair – We need your involvement!! You can bring a bag of individually wrapped candy and drop it in the box in front of Ben's office or you can sign up to help with activities during the fair – better yet – you can do both. We need 20 volunteers from 6:30 – 9:30 pm, Friday, October 31st here at the church. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the back foyer. Thank you for your continued support.

Majesty

Majesty, worship His majesty.
Unto Jesus be all glory, power and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority flow from His throne unto His own,
His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty.
Jesus, Who died, now glorified, King of all Kings.

Scripture Reading: Colossians 4:1-6

1. Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair because you know that you also have a Master in heaven. 2. Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. 3. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. 4. Pray that I may proclaim that clearly, as I should. 5. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. 6. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.

Chorus:
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided –
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness to
Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. Chorus:

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Chorus:

HYMNS & SCRIPTURES FOR OUR 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

To God Be the Glory

1. To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the Lifegate that all may go in.

Chorus:
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. Chorus:

3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing thro' Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. Chorus:

Confession of Faith

Q. How are you right with God?

A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is accept this gift of God with a believing heart.

(from Heidelberg Catechism #60)

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CHARTER MEMBERS
of
MALVERN HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (33)

Brown, Mrs. R. Frederick (Sallie Elizabeth)
Brown, Rev. R Frederick ~~Brown~~
Brown, Anson

Bailey, Mrs. Hazel

Edwards, Mr. & Mrs. H. Eugene

Evans, Mr. & Mrs. Wiley (Irene)
Evans, Anne
Evans, Neal

Hall, Mr. & Mrs. M. B.

Hemstead, Mrs. Josephine

Jones, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence E.
Jones, Anne Lindburg orLinbergh
Jones, Bobby, Betty, Cary Lee, Peggy

Kiser, Mr. & Mrs. C. L. (Lillie Mae)

Lawson, Mr. & Mrs. John E.
Lawson, Elaine, and Jeanette

Owens, Mr. & Mrs. Carl, Jr.

Ray, Mr. & Mrs. Calvin C.
Ray, Bobby

Turner, Mrs. Eleanor

Young, Mrs. Elizabeth

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LIVE NATIVITY PAGEANTS

Malvern Hills is believed to be the first area in Asheville to have a live Nativity Pageant. It was started in December of 1958 with participation of the Malvern Hills Community, St. George Episcopal and Malvern Hill Presbyterian Churches with friends outside the area joining in the events. There were two or three performances during the evening, with people coming from everywhere to see the Pageant and homes decorated in the Malvern Hills Community. They would start at 7 or 7:30 and last until 9to10pm.

Following are years found of the events:

1958	Dec. 18, 19, 20	(Thurs.-Sat.)
1959	Dec. 21, 22, 23	(Mon. - Wed.)
1960	Dec. 20, 21,22	(Tues.-Thurs.)
1961	Dec. 19, 20, 21	(Tues.-Thurs.)
1962	Dec. 19, 20, 21, 22	(Wed. - ~~Fri.~~ Sat)
1963	Dec. 19, 20, 21	(Thurs.-Sat.)
1966	Dec. 19, 20, 21	(Mon. - Wed.)
1967	Dec. 19, 20, 21	(Tues.-Thurs.)
1968		12-15 - 3pm Nativity Rehearsal
1969	Dec. 22, 23	(Mon.& Tues.)
1970	Dec. 20, 21, 22	(Sun. - Tues.)
1971	Dec. 20, 21, 22	(Mon. - Wed.)
1972	Dec. 19, 20, 21	(Tues.-Thurs.)
1973	Dec. 18, 19, 20	(Tues.-Thurs.)
1974	Dec. 19, 20	(Thurs. & Fri.)
1982	Dec. 17, 18, 19	(Fri.-Sun.)
1983	Dec. 22, 23	(Thurs. & Fri.)

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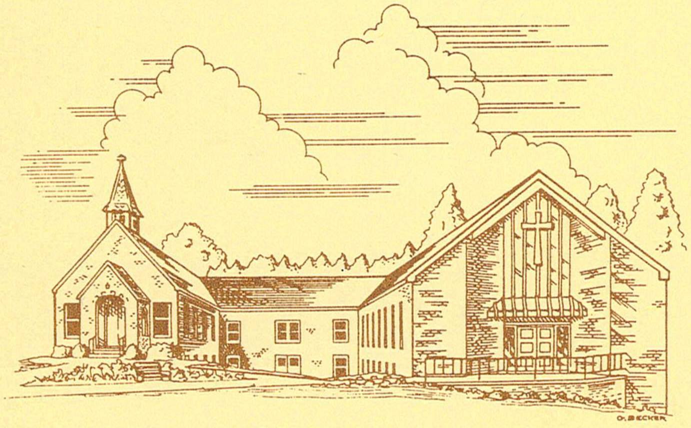
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA



The First 60 Years:
A History of Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church
Asheville, North Carolina

Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Ps. 127:1

It was during a time of war and worldwide oppression that Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church began to organize. The year was 1943, when the Session at West Asheville Presbyterian Church acted in response to a call from the Holy Spirit.

The time was ripe to branch out and start a new congregation within the community. The target area was a municipal neighborhood in the Malvern Hills district about two miles west, just inside the Asheville city limits at the time.

Elder Hal Gilbreath was the driving force behind the effort. The new gathering began that spring as an outpost Sunday school sponsored by West Asheville Presbyterian Church under the auspices of the Home Mission Committee of Asheville Presbytery.

Services were held in a vacant store building at 50 Mimosa Drive. The two-story stucco building, since torn down, was located in a triangle formed by two branches of Sulphur Springs Road that terminate along that route.

The congregation used both floors of the building for Sunday school and the main room downstairs as the church sanctuary. The only accommodations were hard benches, folding wooden chairs, and a second-hand pump organ. A "warm morning" space heater stoked by faithful men supplied warmth during cold winter mornings, although occasional puffs of smoke were a bit distracting.

Mr. William Fitch, a student at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, conducted those first services. Mr. Fitch served during the summer months of 1943 as both preacher and organist.

The first meeting for Sunday school and worship was on July 1, 1943. Sunday school attendance that day was 10, with no official record of those attending the worship service. A month later, records indicate there were 20 in attendance at both Sunday school and worship, with 15 on hand for the evening service. Attendance rose steadily until an outbreak of polio made it necessary to temporarily close the Sunday school except for the adult class. Full attendance resumed afterward.

On September 1, 1943, the Home Mission Committee of Asheville Presbytery secured the services of the Rev. R. Frederick Brown as temporary supply pastor. The congregation grew under Mr. Brown's leadership and soon requested Presbytery to organize a church body under the direction of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (PCUS), and be designated Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church.

From the beginning the ladies of the congregation took an active role in church activities, forming a Women's Auxiliary -- forerunner to the Women In the Church -- before Malvern Hills was organized. Their first meeting was October 6, 1943, at the home of Mrs. John Lawson. The women elected Mrs. W.N. (Irene) Evans their first president, Mrs. C.E. Jones as vice president, Mrs. R.F. Brown as secretary and Mrs. Calvin Ray as treasurer. Expenses for church literature and other needed items were taken care of by the auxiliary, as well as a building fund and the initial bank deposit.

A congregational meeting was held on October 12 to present a petition of 29 signatures requesting the appointment of an organizing commission. Presbytery complied and appointed as chairman the Rev. Rufus F. Campbell, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, along with Mr. Brown, the Rev. R.E. McClure, the Rev. J. Clyde Plexico of West Asheville Presbyterian, Ruling Elder and Dr. A.C. McCall of First Presbyterian, and Ruling Elder John E. Russell of West Asheville Presbyterian.

. . . *"See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation."* Is. 28:16

The church was formally organized on October 31, 1943 – the 426-year anniversary of the birth of the Protestant Reformation, when Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses on the doors of Wittenburg, Germany. The Sunday evening program began at 7:45 P.M.

During the service several new members were received by profession of faith and reaffirmation of faith, and three more were baptized. By an official vote of the congregation, Mr. C.L. Kiser was elected and installed as Ruling Elder, and Mr. C.E. Jones was elected and installed as Deacon. Both men were previously ordained officers of West Asheville Presbyterian Church. The first Sunday school superintendent was Miss Elaine Lawson.

Several individuals who desired charter membership could not attend the organization service, and the commission authorized the pastor and ruling elder to accept charter members into the fellowship through November 14, 1943. Charter membership, consisting of young people and adults, numbered 30 and is listed as follows:

Mrs. Hazel Bishop
Anson Brown
Mrs. R. Frederick Brown
R. Frederick Brown Jr.
H.E. Edwards
Mrs. H.E. Edwards
Anne Evans
W. Neal Evans Jr.
Wiley N. Evans
Mrs. W.N. Evans
Bobby Jones
Peggy Jones
Anne Lindburg Jones
Carry Lee Jones
Betty Coleen Jones
C.L. Kiser
Mrs. C.L. Kiser
Elaine Lawson
Janette Lawson
John E. Lawson

M.B. Hall
Mrs. M.B. Hall
Clarence E. Jones
Mrs. C.E. Jones
Mrs. Calvin Ray
Mrs. J.E. Lawson
Mrs. Carl Owens
Carl Owens Jr.
Mrs. Eleanor Turner
Mrs. Elizabeth Young

Desiring a full-time relationship with their current minister, the congregation extended the call to Mr. Brown, who became the church's first official pastor. He was installed during the morning worship service of January 23, 1944.

The church treasurer at West Asheville Presbyterian had ordinarily handled finances for the young mission church. Following organization a finance committee was appointed, and giving soon began to exceed expenses.

In addition to weekly Sunday school and morning worship, Sunday night meetings continued on a regular basis, and weekday Vacation Bible School was held every summer during the morning hours for one or two weeks.

Mr. Brown continued to minister at Malvern Hills until August 25, 1946. Temporary supply pastors served until the Rev. Charles C. West accepted a call and was installed on June 15, 1947. Under his guidance the congregation was able to arrange a loan from Presbyterian Home for Children and purchase land where the church stands. Ground was broken that December for a new sanctuary, now used as the church chapel. The building project also provided for a small pastor's office, a downstairs fellowship hall, a small kitchen, restrooms, an extra classroom and a storage area.

A dedication service for the new sanctuary was held during Sunday morning worship on May 24, 1948. By then the congregation had grown to 106 members. Walnut pews and pulpit furniture, no longer needed at Asheville's First Presbyterian Church due to remodeling, were donated. These were painted ivory and blended well with the soft blue walls.

Mr. West continued as pastor until June 30, 1949. More supply pastors served during the interim until Mr. W. Maynard Fountain Jr. accepted a call a year later.

Throughout the 1940s church members graciously welcomed visitors and newcomers and went out of their way to be neighborly -- a trait still prevailing at Malvern Hills into the early 21st century.

The Rev. Fountain, a recent graduate of Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, was ordained and installed on July 1, 1950. The congregation continued to grow during his five-year ministry at Malvern Hills as more space and facilities were added.

. . . *upon this Rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against her.* Mt. 16:18

The new building program was completed in 1954, providing more classrooms, a new pastor's study and extending the sanctuary. More walnut pews were purchased from First Presbyterian and the choir loft was expanded. New light fixtures were installed and the church purchased a small electric organ to replace the borrowed piano then in use. The organ was replaced several years later by a larger instrument donated by Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Law.

Mr. Fountain married the former Lilian Levell while serving at Malvern Hills, and the congregation treated the new couple as their own kin.

Mr. Fountain resigned effective June 30, 1955.
Now retired, he and Mrs. Fountain live in Black Mountain.

The Rev. W. Warrington Preston, a former missionary to Brazil, was called and served from February 18, 1956, to June 9, 1957. Mr. Preston and his wife, Annie Laurie, were the parents of four young children -- three girls and a boy -- while at Malvern Hills. Prior to his arrival a manse was acquired and prepared for occupancy at nearby 25 Chester Place.

Mr. Preston passed away on August 15, 2001, at age 87.

After Mr. Preston left, the church was without a regular pastor for the next two years. **The Rev. W.W. Pharr, a retired minister living in Montreat, served as stated supply from June 23, 1957 until June 28, 1959.** Dr. Pharr not only conducted weekly services, but also visited church members who were ill and helped with Vacation Bible School.

Malvern Hills is believed to be the first area in Asheville to present a live Nativity Pageant, which began in December of 1958 with early participation from the local community club. Church members of all ages participated. Performances were given three nights a year on the church's front lawn each Christmas season through 1974 except for the years 1964-65. The pageant was given again in 1982-83 before the most recent building program began. With a stable prop constructed from wooden slabs, a manger and lots of straw, the church put on a well-lit program even on the coldest nights, with no speaking parts from the characters. Scripture was read and Christmas hymns were sung through a borrowed public address system. Appropriate costumes and live sheep, lambs and donkeys were available. Occasionally a young burro took it upon itself to bray long and loud, much to the amusement of visitors and onlookers.

Before other area churches began their own live nativity scenes and indoor performances, creeping traffic and random parking along Bear Creek Road often required Asheville Police to assign an officer to keep the cars moving.

On July 1, 1959, the Rev. James L. Jackson began his pastoral duties at Malvern Hills. He was officially installed on August 19. Mr. Jackson and his wife, Alma, moved to Asheville from Jacksonville, Florida, where they resided after serving as missionaries to the Congo. They had been married in the local church there.

The Jacksons, approaching 60 years of age when they arrived at Malvern Hills, had three sons: James Jr., William, and Cecil. Bill, Cecil, and their wives were church members of Malvern Hills.

During Mr. Jackson's years of service, the church grew in membership and became self-supporting after many years of assistance from the Board of Home Missions. Before long the congregation voted to remove itself completely from "Home Mission" status. The debt for all six church lots was completely paid at this time.

The congregation enjoyed many outings of rest, relaxation and recreation at Camp Hope in Haywood County starting in 1962. Church families from Malvern Hills gathered together for eight years on the Sunday afternoon before Labor Day after church and dinner. Many stayed overnight in group and family cabins for the holiday. Conveniences included a meeting hall, a fully furnished kitchen and dining area, and a covered pavilion. A tennis court, swimming pool, playground and other recreation facilities were available and supplied. On Sunday evening the church body met indoors for devotions and hymns.

With continued growth, the need for more space at Malvern Hills became evident, and ground was broken in the fall of 1963 for a second addition to the church building.

A new education wing was dedicated during Sunday morning worship on May 24, 1964. The addition was built at an estimated cost of $26,000. The 3,000-square feet of space provided six new classrooms, a nursery with special child-size restroom facilities, new adult restrooms, a new pastor's study, and an updated and enlarged heating system. At God's leading, plans for a new sanctuary and fellowship hall were included and laid aside for a future date.

So we built the wall. . . . for the people had a mind to work. Neh. 4:6

A program was soon undertaken to paint and spruce up the fellowship hall and older classrooms. Members worked more than 150 volunteer hours to complete this work.

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations . . . Mt. 28:18-19

The congregation was led to look beyond their own confines during the Jackson years, and began to reach out and develop a heart for missions. The first missionary to receive support from Malvern Hills was the Jacksons' oldest son, the Rev. James L. Jackson Jr. Jim was sent to the Congo and returned to the same house where he lived as a child.

The Women's Auxiliary began a project to secure a stove for young Mrs. Jackson after discovering her difficulties with the lack of facilities in that region. One church member, Mrs. Marion Thomason, went to great lengths to monitor the difficult shipping process and ensure its proper destination to a grateful missionary mother.

Since those days, Malvern Hills has steadily increased its mission support and currently has 18 family units on its roll. The church places special emphasis on missions giving and has held a missions conference for many years, with speakers and guests who have served and continue to serve in foreign countries or domestic service. Once a year church members make an unsigned faith pledge to help support these missionaries. This is entirely separate from pledges made each year for support of the church and its various functions.

A fire broke out in the church building on January 1, 1965. At about 1:00 A.M. on New Years Day, a man came to the door of the church manse and told Mr. Jackson the church was on fire. The man had providentially passed by at that hour and saw the flames coming from the fellowship hall.

The fire department extinguished the flames and an investigation determined that thieves had broken in and lit one of the candles from the communion table to carry around in the dark. When robbers searched the cabinet under the stairs where choir robes were kept, they caught the robes on fire, along with the entire cabinet, stairway, adjoining vestibule and beyond.

Insurance covered the approximate $6,000 worth of damage.

During Mr. Jackson's tenure, the Session endorsed the Jacksons' second son, Bill, as a Candidate for Ministry. He was examined at Presbytery meeting by Dr. L. Nelson Bell (father-in-law of Billy Graham) and ordained in 1965.

Mr. Jackson had the honor of baptizing two of his grandchildren while at Malvern Hills: Wade Cecil on Dec. 20, 1964, and Michael David on Nov. 5, 1967. Both are sons of Cecil and Jane Jackson.

Mr. John Russell donated land that became the front parking lot of the church on October 24, 1966.

Mr. Jackson announced his retirement plans six months in advance, and a pulpit committee was quickly formed. He retired on June 30, 1968, and he and Mrs. Jackson moved to Black Mountain. At a reception held in his honor, the church family gave the Jacksons a large color television, a financial gift, and a book of letters from the congregation and community expressing their love and appreciation.

Mr. Jackson passed away on June 7, 1990, four months before his 90th birthday.

Jim currently lives in Louisville, Kentucky, and Bill resides in Roanoke, Virginia. Both are retired and doing well. Cecil, a former deacon at Malvern Hills, died of pancreatic cancer in 1999.

Before Mr. Jackson retired, the congregation was able to locate and call the Rev. Harold Borchert of Clinton, Miss. Mr. Borchert accepted the call on June 2, 1968, and preached his first service on July 21. He and his wife, Lois, were former missionaries to Japan during the years 1953-67. Mr. Borchert received his call to ministry while serving with U.S. occupational forces following World War II. Two of the Borcherts' three daughters were born in Japan.

Mr. Borchert was installed as pastor at Malvern Hills on July 28, 1968, and the church continued its outreach efforts and missions emphasis. He also coordinated services once a month at the Juvenile Evaluation Center, and for a while at various Rest Homes on Sunday afternoons.

Harold Borchert, 1968-1972

In early 1970, church members were concerned with the rise of liberal trends and developments within the PCUS. A group called Concerned Presbyterians was formed to try and stop the drift. Members included Dr. L. Nelson Bell, Dr. G. Aiken Taylor (editor of the Presbyterian Journal), Dr. Dendy and Mr. Edward G. Roberts, an elder from Malvern Hills who was elected chairman.

Nearly a year before the PCA was formed in 1973, the Session advised the congregation as follows:

"After prayerful and deliberate consideration, the following motion was unanimously adopted by our session in regard to separation from the Presbyterian Church U.S.: 'Although we do not agree with many of the events that have taken place within the Presbyterian Church of the United States, the Session announces to the congregation of Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church that, in our judgment, we should remain a part of the Presbyterian Church of the U.S., and that we should continue to work and witness to the best of our ability for the glory of God."

Even so, as theological liberalism continued to develop within the PCUS, disunion with that denomination became imminent, and the Session found it necessary to rethink its stand. Efforts were made with other churches for a call to revival and renewal. After studying the situation for many months and hearing speakers both for and against the idea of pulling out, the Session kept a close watch with heavy concern and continual prayer. No immediate action was taken, though everything came to a head a few years later.

The first missions conference at Malvern Hills was held on November 12 – 14, 1971. Missionary guests at the conference were Mr. And Mrs. Olin and Jean Coleman from Brazil and Mr. Howard Moore, and aircraft mechanic and shop foreman with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Brazil.

After accepting a call to 1st Presbyterian Church in Waynesville, Mr. Borchert concluded his ministry at Malvern Hills on March 6, 1972. In 1996, he published a memoir titled, "Hitherto ... A Biographical Testimony."

Last November, Mr. Borchert celebrated 50 years of ordained ministry with family and friends in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Now 85, he was still preaching and supplying churches until undergoing carotid surgery last January, followed by a second surgery on his vocal cords.

Oldest daughter Sue lives and teaches in Tokyo; Lois is a writer and resides in St. Augustine, Fla.; and Sarah is a medical transcriptionist in Waynesville. Several grandchildren, in the words of Mr. Borchert, are ". . . here and there!"

During the next three months the pulpit committee traveled over 6,000 miles and visited four states, with all expenses paid for by personal contributions. After screening more than a dozen candidates the committee recommended the Rev. Richard A. Curnow Jr. on June 5.

The church voted to call Mr. Curnow, who was installed on August 27, 1972, after preaching his first service the week before. "Sandy," his wife Lynn, and their young son Dan moved into the church manse on 22 School Road.

Later that fall, the Curnows welcomed the newest member of their family when Sandy and Lynn adopted another child, Diane, when she was 10 days old on October 29, 1972.

For we are the temple of the living God. I Cor. 6:16

Four special ministries were instituted during Mr. Curnow's tenure at Malvern Hills. One was the Under-Shepherd plan, which groups the congregation into family units with each household or individual assigned to an Elder, with a Deacon to assist. These men are charged with special care and concern for the welfare of assigned members and families. In this way, someone is always available to call upon in times of need even when the pastor is unavailable.

Another program was the ongoing work of four committees headed by church elders -- Worship, Evangelism, Nurture and Outreach. Various members of the congregation are asked to serve on these committees.

A Prayer Chain was also established to enable volunteers within the congregation to contact one another when a crisis or special needs warrant.

Chat 'n Sip was yet another ministry that continues to serve well, whereby everyone is invited to the fellowship hall for juice and a light snack and fellowship following Sunday morning worship. As Sandy used to say, "We hope you didn't come just to leave!"

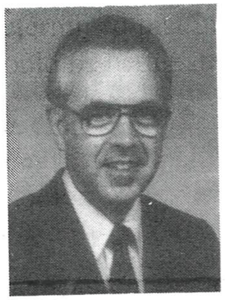
Young people continued to fill the church throughout the 1970s. Many able Sunday school teachers were available, and at various times two youth groups were needed to lead the teenagers on Sunday evenings. Paul Tyndall volunteered his services for the Senior High group in the mid-'70s. During that time a young and energetic couple in the teaching profession, Ronnie and Zoe Sams, were volunteers in charge of Junior Highs.

Mr. Curnow accepted a call from Faith Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Paris, Texas, in the spring of 1978. He preached his last sermon at Malvern Hills on June 5. After six years in Texas, he and his family moved to Chatsworth, California, where he pastored Covenant Presbyterian (PCA) until 1996. He later accepted a call from his present pastorate at Faith Presbyterian (PCA) in Morganton.

Lynn is currently a physical therapist at Carolina Rehabilitation Center in neighboring Icard, N.C. Dan lives in Los Angeles where he co-owns Contrast Entertainment Group. Diane is an administrative assistant in Centreville, Virginia.

The church paid off the note to Presbyterian Home on December 22, 1978.

Between pastors, Dr. John Newton of Montreat filled the pulpit for the second time in the decade, from late May in '78 through early 1979. Dr. Newton, a now-retired Bible professor at Montreat-Anderson (later Montreat) College, supplied Malvern Hills on many occasions and also visited the sick, moderated the Session and congregational meetings, and conducted the wedding of Tom Gibson Jr. and Gwen Austin on Aug. 19, 1978. He returned in 1990 to preside at the funeral of Mr. Belton Taylor, and assisted at the funeral of Ed Roberts in 1998.



Once again the pulpit committee traveled many miles in search of a new minister, locating the Rev. Glen McClung at McClure Presbyterian Church in Castle Haynes, N.C., near Wilmington. At the committee's recommendation, the congregation made the call to Mr. McClung, and he accepted.

Installation services for Mr. McClung were held on January 14, 1979. Glen and his wife, Melinda, daughter Karma and son John moved into the newly purchased manse at 11 Captain's Drive, a new development off Sand Hill School Road about three miles from the church.

Melinda, who has a degree in music, played the piano and organ during worship services and choir rehearsals.

Prior to the year 2000, the congregation had always provided a home for its pastors and their families. The Browns lived in the rented Norburn home located where Holiday Inn West now stands. Other rented residences were at 1 Madeline Avenue for the West family and at 75 Harris Street for the Fountains. Before the Prestons arrived the church purchased a house at 25 Chester Place, where the Jacksons also lived. Needing more space for the Borcherts, the church sold that house and bought the former Wallace Wheeler home at 22 School Road near the church property. The Curnows also used this home.

When time came to find another pastor in '78, church officers decided to sell the manse at 22 School Road and provide the new pastor with a new home. When the house at Captain's Drive was purchased, the Session determined that instead of paying for various utility costs, it would be better stewardship to include a flat sum for those expenses in the church budget. With an agreed amount included in the pastor's salary package, it was up to him to pay any amount above that.

Sunday evening Bible studies were re-started and the Wednesday night prayer service was launched under the direction of Mr. McClung.

All the while, growing liberalism within the PCUS became even more serious with concerns over the forthcoming union into the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. After thorough study and deliberation by the Session for over a year, the congregation was presented all the facts that could be determined in a four-page memorandum. In undergoing the study, the Session became convinced that:

"The PCUS has taken action and stated policies out of accord with and with little regard for the absolute authority of the Word of God . . . Your Session therefore recommends that its proposed resolution [to pull out] regarding this congregation's relationship to the Presbyterian Church in the United States be adopted."

The Session brought in two men to speak with the congregation about switching denominations -- one for and one against -- to the recently formed and conservative Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

The congregational vote on January 3, 1982, to change to the PCA was unanimous. Due to a change in church affiliation, another call was made and accepted by Mr. McClung to retain him as pastor. Asheville Presbytery voted on January 26, 1982 to dismiss the congregation with its property, and its minister, to Western Carolinas Presbytery of the PCA, who examined and received Mr. McClung that same day.

The birth date of the PCA was December 4, 1973, though its spiritual roots are in the Protestant Reformation of the 16th and 17th centuries. It broke away from the PCUS due to a compromise with basic and essential Christian doctrines. Harold Borchert was among the "Committee of 40" that organized the new denomination and led the separation. The new denomination began with 260 congregations and 41,000 members. The growing body now has over 1,500 churches with more than 310,000 members.

A Sunday evening Service of Worship and Reception into the PCA was held following the New Members Valentine Banquet on February 14, 1982. Earlier that afternoon a commission of nine men, led by the Rev. Dan Sulc of Swannanoa Valley Presbyterian Church, met with, examined, and received the Session into Western Carolinas Presbytery. After the 6:00 P.M. banquet, the Commission formally received and welcomed the congregation into the PCA and Western Carolinas Presbytery, then led the church in a service of worship and praise.

. . . built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the chief cornerstone. Eph. 2:20

Attendance continued to grow by 1985 at worship and Sunday school. It soon became evident that the sanctuary and fellowship hall were too small for the growing church, and a committee was formed to study proposals for enlarging those facilities.

With congregational approval, a licensed architect, Mr. Lawrence B. Evans Jr., drew plans for the new additions. As first planned when the education wing was built in '64, the expansion extends from the front side of that wing toward Bear Creek Road. The new section provides handicapped accessible restrooms on both floors, a large kitchen with modern appliances, a large downstairs fellowship hall and an enlarged upstairs sanctuary with added overflow space and an attractive foyer.

Rather than assume a loan for the total estimated cost of construction, it was decided to accumulate at least $100,000 over a period of one year before obtaining a loan of $200,000 to proceed. By the end of '85 more than enough had been received, and the building program went forward.

As Chairman of the Building Committee and the church's representative with the contractor, Elder Tom Gibson kept a close watch on every phase of construction. Other committee members were Paul Ford, Glenn Mahaffey, Caroline Taylor and Harold Woody, with Mr. McClung acting as ex-officio.

Mrs. Taylor headed sub-committees that included Jerry Duckett, Catherine Gibson, Sarah Kiser and Pat Tyndall. These ladies made recommendations for colors and furnishings to be used in the sanctuary, as well as arrangements and appliances for the kitchen. The finance committee chaired by Ed Roberts was made up of church treasurer Arthur Kiser, Bob Hughes, Donna Moore and Eloise Snyder.

A Ground Breaking Ceremony was held outdoors immediately after the worship service on August 24, 1986.

The congregation met their pledges and members and friends gave generously. The building fund balance, excluding the loan, grew to $151,199.97 as of May 10, 1987. Gifts made in honor and in memory of loved ones provided for sanctuary furnishings, and the large wooden cross hanging behind the pulpit was constructed by Harold Woody and given by him and his wife, Mary. George Becker enlarged a creative design for the glass paneling at each side of the front entrance, which he and his wife, Jean, arranged to have sandblasted on the glass. Two clergy pews were given by the Women In The Church, one in honor of Mr. James Jackson and the other in memory of his wife, Alma. The pulpit and other furniture were given anonymously. Special funds were raised for a new grand piano and an Allen 2100 organ.

I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." Ps. 122:1

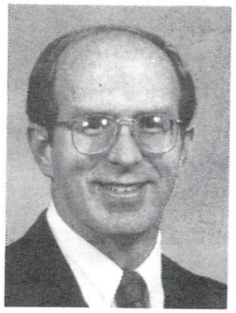
A Service of Dedication was held on May 24, 1987 -- exactly 39 years after the first dedication service. Special guests included former pastors James Jackson and Harold Borchert, along with frequent supply pastor John Newton. Mr. McClung delivered the sermon, with 249 people in attendance that day.

After completing the building program, the old fellowship hall was remodeled into a large study for the pastor with office space for the church secretary and a small waiting area. The old kitchen was made into an office for the new youth director in 1993. The old sanctuary was changed back to its original size after the new sanctuary was put to use, and became the church chapel. Some time later, church members constructed two classrooms in back of the chapel linked by a short hallway, leaving a small storage area by the old vestibule. Extra space from the former pulpit area was renovated into a spacious choir room.

Mr. McClung conducted the first wedding in the new sanctuary for Jim McCoy and Beth Hughes on July 18, 1987.

Mr. McClung continued his diligent pastoral care of the congregation before accepting a call from Friendship Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Laurens, S.C. **His last service as pastor of Malvern Hills was on May 6, 1990.** A number of visiting ministers filled the pulpit during the next few months. The church at that time was blessed for several weeks by the preaching and teaching of the Rev. John Fain, who led the congregation through the summer of 1990.

After serving in Laurens for a few years, Mr. McClung retired due to health reasons. He and Melinda now live in his mother's former home in Statesville. Karma and her husband, Dr. Scott Howard, live in Arlington, Tennessee, with their three adopted children, Teresa, Iesah and Gregory. The Howards have a Christian Medical Ministry to families at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, and to various people in medical professions locally and worldwide for the hospital. John has been involved in several professions and ventures and has two growing children, Darien and Derrick. He is presently building log houses, recently finishing one in Iowa after eight hard weeks of labor.



The pulpit committee recommended the Rev. Bill Clark to the congregation in November of 1990. Mr. Clark had been pastor of a church in Carbondale, Illinois. **He accepted the call and preached his first service on January 6, 1991**, and was officially installed two weeks later on January 20.

Bill and his wife, Cecelia, are natives of Alabama. They and their two young sons, Andrew and Joshua, moved into the manse at Captains Drive earlier that December with a decorated Christmas tree awaiting them on their arrival. The Clarks third son, Daniel, was born on February 2, 1991.

Mr. Clark faithfully preached and taught doctrines handed down by the early Reformers during his tenure, and led the congregation in examining what the Scriptures say about issues facing us, our country, and our world today.

A tutoring program was started in 1994 to help with disadvantaged youths in the community and within the city school district, and lasted through 2001. Several church members volunteered their time on Wednesday evenings, and at other times during the week, throughout the school year.

Mr. Clark left the pastorate after more than eight years at Malvern Hills with the intention of pursuing another call at a future date. **His final worship service was on April 11, 1999.**

Under Bill's direction the church was able to sell the manse on May 13, 1999, and the Session placed in the budget arrangements for a pastor's housing allowance. Funds from the sale of the house on Captain's Drive went, in part, to retire the debt on the building program started in '85. Mortgage papers on the expansion were marked paid on July 26, 1999.

The Clarks now reside in east Asheville and attend Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church, where Bill is active in teaching Sunday school. He currently works at Bryan Easler Toyota in Hendersonville. Cecelia is a teacher assistant at Asheville Christian Academy, where the two older boys attend high school and Daniel is in grade 7.

After one service behind the pulpit on April 25, 1999, the Session extended an invitation to the Rev. John Carrick to serve as Interim pastor. He also conducted Sunday evening Bible Study and moderated some Session meetings. Growth was continuous and visitors were frequent during the next eight months.

Dr. Carrick is a professor at Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, where he teaches homiletics, the art of preaching. He is a native of England, a graduate of Oxford University, the author of several books, and an ordained minister in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. He and his wife, Linda, came to the United States in 1992 and have two grown children. The Carricks currently reside in Taylors, S.C. His last service at Malvern Hills was on January 9, 2000.

A pulpit committee was led to the Rev. Douglas B. Tilley in the fall of 1999, and the call was extended. Mr. Tilley accepted and became the 10th ordained minister to serve at Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church. He preached his first service on January 16, 2000, with an installation service that same evening at the church.

Mr. Tilley received his Masters of Divinity from Grace Theological Seminary in Winona Lake, Indiana. Before coming to Malvern Hills, he spent 13 years as pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Columbus, Georgia.

The Tilleys were the first family to receive the new housing allowance plan incorporated into the pastor's benefits package, and found a home on 2 Auburndale Drive in west Asheville. Doug and Cathy have three daughters: Rachel, 25; Sarah, 23; and Hannah, 17.

On June 26, 2000, the church bought the former home of longtime members George and Dot Taylor, now deceased, from their two surviving daughters. The house and property are on land adjacent to the church grounds on the west end.

After examining candidates for several months, a search committee voted in June of 2001 to recommend Mr. Ray Barrett to become the church's first Assistant Pastor upon ordination. The Session approved Mr. Barrett, who was officially hired on July 8. Ray received his Masters of Divinity from Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi. He moved into the renovated Taylor residence as part of his salary package.

Among his duties were to assist with oversight of the nurture program and to lead, teach, and coordinate the youth of the church. Other responsibilities included regular involvement with the congregation in worship, ministry and visitation, and to assimilate new members into the life and function of the church.

Mr. Barrett resigned his position a few months later, and is now an ordained chaplain in the United States Air Force. A reception was held in his honor following the worship service on January 13, 2002.

The Session hired Mr. Ben Porter as full-time youth director on July 2, 2002. Ben and his new bride, Anna, are both from Charlottesville, Virginia, and recent graduates of James Madison University, where Ben majored in Speech Communications with a minor in Religious Studies.

The Porters reside in the former Taylor house. In addition to assisting her husband, Anna currently works at Asheville Cardiology.

Dr. Tilley received his Doctorate of Ministry from Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis on May 19, 2003.

And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit. Eph. 2:22

There is a long record of the church's generosity and outreach over the past 60 years. There have been annual offerings for the Presbyterian Home for Children, the Love Gift at Christmas time, and special offerings for retired PCA ministers and their wives or widows. Funds, supplies and support have been given to such organizations as Asheville-Buncombe County Christian Ministry (ABCCM), Western Carolina Rescue Mission, and Bethany Christian Services. The church continues to participate in the Food Lift with other area churches and to assist with bi-monthly ABCCM meals on Saturday evenings. The annual church budget, which currently totals $205,796, also provides funds for Covenant College in Georgia and Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis.

Although a small church, Malvern Hills has served the people of its community, the surrounding neighborhoods, and beyond. For example, the congregation was blessed for many years from the attendance and fellowship of Juan and Luisa Torres, a now-deceased couple from Cuba who escaped the clutches of Fidel Castro and came to our shores in the early '60s.

May the King Eternal continue to bless and grant each of us many more years of service and worship of Him.

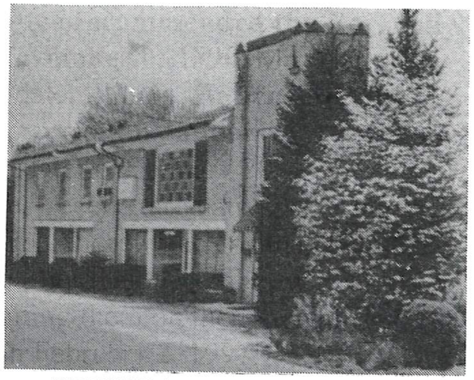
> *The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;*
> *she is His new creation by water and the Word;*
> *from heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;*
> *with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.*
>
> *Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;*
> *her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;*
> *one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food;*
> *and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.*

-from the hymn, *The Church's One Foundation*

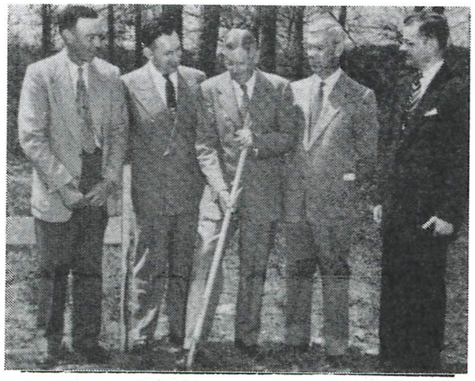
Warrington Preston, 1956-1957

James L. Jackson, 1959-1968

Sandy Curnow and Family



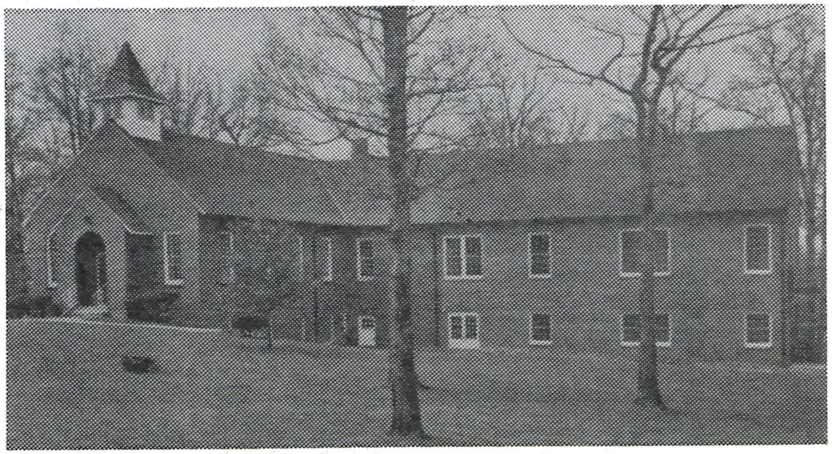
ORIGINAL HOME of Malvern Hills Church, occupied in 1943, was this building at the corner of Mimosa Drive and Sulphur Springs Road. The congregation met here until 1948 when the present sanctuary was built.



GROUNDBREAKING for addition to church in 1952. Taking part were, left to right, J. H. Ward, contractor; E. G. Roberts; C. L. Kiser, first elder of the church; Jack Duckett; and the Rev. Maynard Fountain, Jr.

1964

Church Building Committee



Education Wing Completed

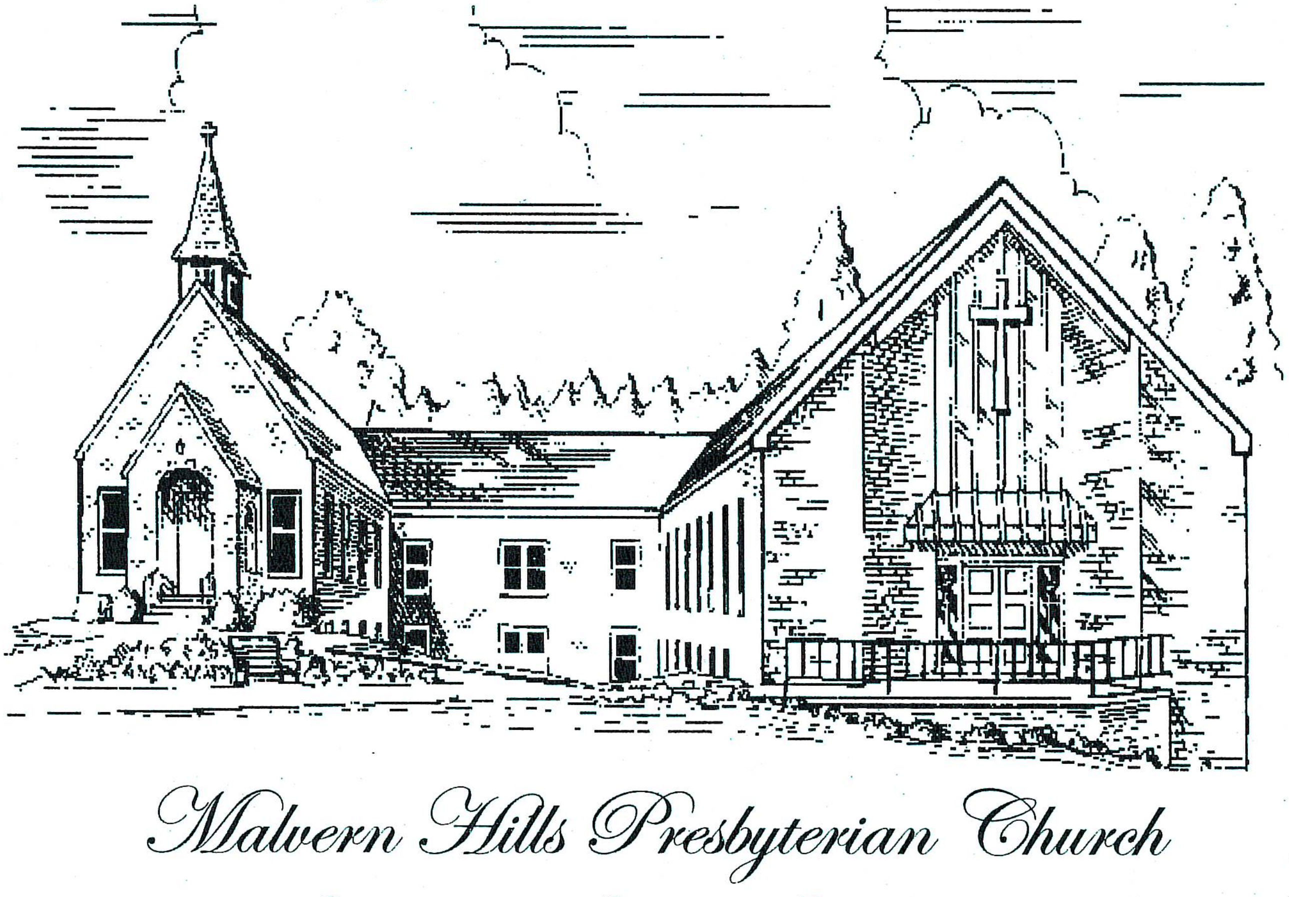
Education Wing Groundbreaking
Dedication of completed bulding was on May 24, 1964

Live Nativity from the early sixties

Camp Hope retreat also from the sixties

Directory

Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church



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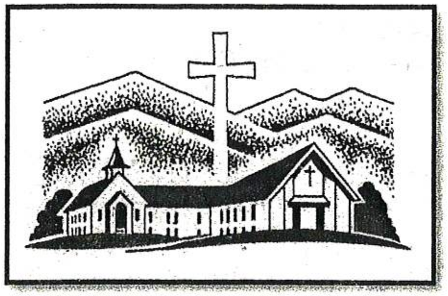

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Those sinners whom the Spirit quickens are born again and come to believe in Christ as Savior, become children of God and will persevere until the end. Salvation is by grace alone, through faith in Jesus Christ.

Baptism is a sign of God's covenant with man and is rightly administered to believers and their children.

Jesus will return as King!

A SHORT HISTORY OF MALVERN HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Malvern Hills Church began in 1943 during the dark days of World War II. West Asheville Presbyterian Church responded to the leading of the Holy Spirit to reach out and start a new congregation. The proposed area was the Malvern Hills Community just inside the Asheville city limits. Mr. Hal Gilbreath, an elder of the West Asheville Presbyterian Church, led the initial effort to start a new church. On October 31st of that year, Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church was formally organized with thirty charter members. The charter members were:

Mrs. Hazel Bishop
Mrs. R. F. Brown
H. E. Edwards
Anne Evans
Wiley N. Evans
M. B. Hall
Clarence E. Jones
Bobby Jones
Anne L. Jones
Betty C. Jones
Mrs. C. L. Kiser
Janette Lawson
Mrs. J. E. Lawson
Carl Owens, Jr.
Eleanor Turner

Anson Brown
R. F. Brown, Jr..
Mrs. H. E. Edwards
W. Neal Evans, Jr
Mrs. W. N. Evans
Mrs. M. B. Hall
Mrs. C., E. Jones
Peggy Jones
Carry Lee Jones
C. L. Kiser
Elaine Lawson
John E. Lawson
Mrs. Carl Owens
Mrs. Calvin Ray
Elizabeth Young

The church began as an outpost Sunday School, sponsored by the West Asheville Presbyterian Church, under the auspices of the Home Missions Committee of Asheville Presbytery. Meetings were first held in a vacant store building on Mimosa Drive. William Fitch, a student at Union Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, served as pastor and organist during the summer months of the year 1943.

Highlights Through the Years

July 1, 1943 First meeting for Sunday School and Worship.

September 1, 1943 Asheville Presbytery appointed the Reverend R. Frederick Brown as temporary supply pastor.

October 31, 1943 Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church was formally organized with thirty charter members.

January 23,1944 The Reverend R. Frederick Brown was installed as the church's first official pastor.

May 24, 1948 Dedication of the church building, which is currently used for Sunday School rooms.

1954 Completion of new building program, which included the extension of the sanctuary, addition of more classrooms, and a new pastor's study.

March, 1954 The congregation voted to become a self-supporting church. It would no longer be under the Home Missions Committee of the Presbytery. Debt for all church property was paid off at this time.

December, 1958 First live Nativity Pageant on the front lawn of the church. The Pageant was held annually through 1974.

November 12-14, 1971 First Missions Conference was held. The church had begun to support missionaries during the tenure of the Reverend James L. Jackson, former missionary to the Congo.

January 3, 1982 The congregation voted unanimously to join the Presbyterian Church in America.

January 28, 1982 Asheville Presbytery voted to dismiss the congregation, with its property and its minister, to Western Carolina Presbytery of the PCA.

1986 – 2011 With the time and effort of our "kitchen crew", we prepared Wednesday evening meals for the entire congregation.

October 1993 50th Anniversary Celebration

May, 2000 Purchase of the Taylor House beside the back parking lot. It has been used for housing for ministers & a Community Play School for a short time.

October 2003 60th Anniversary Celebration

2007 – Redecorated and refurbished the "old" Chapel to be used for our prayer meetings, classrooms, committee meetings, and VBS.

2012 – WICare project to emphasize our love and support for the wives and female missionaries by sending them packages of personal items.

Ministers of Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church

1943 (Summer) William Fitch, Seminary student
1943-1946 R. Frederick Brown
1947-1949 Charles C. West
1950-1955 W. Maynard Fountain Jr.
1956-1957 Warren W. Preston
1957-1959 W. W. Pharr, Stated Supply
1959-1968 James L. Jackson
1968-1972 Harold Borchert
1972-1978 Richard A. Curnow
1978-1979 Dr. John Newton and Jack Crawford, Supply Pastors
1979-1990 Glen McClung
1991-1999 Bill Clarke
1999-2000 Dr. John Carrick, Interim
2000-2011 Dr. Douglas B. Tilley
2011-2012 Mo Up De Graff, Interim
2012- Tom Cox, Current Pastor

Youth Directors and Assistant Pastor

2001 Ray Barrett, Youth Director
2002-2004 Ben Porter, Youth Director
2006-2008 Sean Maney, Assistant Pastor

In addition to our pastors, we would like to recognize our secretaries, musicians & custodians. We also appreciate all the volunteers who have served throughout the years.

Mission Outreach

Currently the church is providing partial support for 16 missionaries through the following agencies:

HCJB – Heralding Christ Blessings (1)
MTW – Mission to the World (12)
HIM – Helps International Ministry (1)
PEF – Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship (1)
WBT – Wycliffe Bible Translators (1)

Ministries Past and Present

Live Nativity Pageants
Vacation Bible School
After School Tutoring Program
Parents' Night Out
Door to Door Visitation in Malvern Hills Community
Bob's Box - Collection of food and clothing for Hearts with Hands
Pregnancy Support Group/Dresser Project
Side Walk Ministry/Pro Life
Farmer's Market Food Lift - Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministries
Veterans' Restoration Project
Community Easter Egg Hunt
Host for Community Men's Prayer Breakfast
Children's Fall Festival

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THE CHURCH NEWS

WEST ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE WEST ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

By Doug Reed

The West Asheville Presbyterian Church, true to its Christian heritage, had its humble beginnings in an upper room.

It was formally organized 40 years ago, October 29, 1916.

But, as with the Christian church through the ages, the roots were deep beneath the soil.

In the early 1900s, West Asheville had Presbyterians but no Presbyterian Church. There were the Winslows, Potts, Carters, Whites, Kisers, Summers, Snyders, and Brookshires. Perhaps, most of all, there was the Rev. P. P. Winn, Presbyterian minister and educator.

Moving among his friends, the Rev. Mr. Winn in the fall of 1913 organized afternoon Sunday School classes, first held in the upper room of a store near the end of the old street car line.

For some, the little church may have seemed on the wrong side of the river at the wrong end of the line. But that it was on the right side and that this was the beginning, not the end, of a long line of growth and usefulness, the years have proved.

In 1914, the first Ladies Aid Society was formed and regular monthly meetings established. The organization was changed to the Woman's Auxiliary in 1925 and to the Women of the Church in 1948.

In 1916, Dr. Winn left for home mission work and later missionary service in Korea. During this same year, therefore, Mr. Henry G. Bedinger was sent as supply minister. Under his service and with the supervision and guidance of the late Dr. Robert P. Smith, the property of the church was obtained and a temporary building erected.

When the church was formally organized in October that year, there were 41 members. Mr. Bedinger was ordained as an evangelist. However, in 1917, he entered the U. S. Army as a chaplain and the church again was without a minister.

In June, 1918, the Rev. Paul N. Gresham became pastor, accepting his first charge. The same year, challenged by a $10,000 gift from the First Presbyterian Church, the congregation launched a building fund campaign. Further aided by the Executive Committee of Home Missions, the church completed the church at a cost of $22,500 and first services were held on June 18, 1922.

This building is the main sanctuary of the church as it stands today.

Over the ensuing years the church has grown from challenge to challenge, for which there is not here space to describe.

In 1929, Mr. Gresham resigned to take a church in Savannah, Ga. and the same year the Rev. Walter Creson became pastor. During these years a manse was purchased on Vermont Avenue and is still held by the church. In October of 1936, after a period of failing health, Mr. Creson resigned. On December 15 of that year, the church was grieved by his death.

But the church continued. The Rev. J. Clyde Plexico was called as pastor in 1936. The first Sunday School addition behind the main sanctuary was constructed at a cost of $11,000 and over the four year period from 1936 to 1940, an extensive renovation program was carried out.

The war years halted further physical expansion, but the church maintained a vigorous program. Mr. Plexico resigned in 1948 after a pastorate of twelve years.

On March 25, 1948, the Rev. W. G. Thomas accepted a call to the pulpit. He began his pastorate on April 17 of the same year.

The church since then has made its greatest strides forward.

The membership has brown to exceed 540, the fruit from the 41 seeds planted on the church rolls 40 years ago.

It has moved into an ever increasingly active part in the work of Asheville Presbytery, with the present pastor serving as stated clerk.

From its humble beginnings, upward through the stimulus of early struggles, the unifying years of the depression, the fears and faith engendered by two world wars, and the conflict of dissension, the church, under God, has ever moved.

These are the fires that forged the church.

Today, it is on yet another threshold. Following a building fund campaign that reached from the smallest tots to the oldest members, the church, in faith, moved out in May, 1956 upon its greatest building venture, breaking ground on the new $75,000 educational plant.

Six months later, on November 4, the church enters the new building and passes yet another milestone in its history.

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Men admire fine sportsmanship; women practice it. Men give their money to the church; women give their life to it. Therefore to choice groups, practicing daily the finest sportsmanship, who, in spite of heavy financial losses, wholly inadequate equipment, an unprecedented depression, and discouragements on every hand, refuse to be discouraged and are carrying on, this book is dedicated to the Woman's Auxiliary of the West Asheville Presbyterian Church.

Foreword

For the first time we bring to our members and friends this Year Book and Directory. Its sole purpose is not utilitarian. As, however, the advertisements which appear within its pages have made the Directory possible, it may serve our membership as a guide to thrifty and intelligent shopping. It is also hoped that the Directory itself may be but an instrument for furthering the cause of Christ and making the work of the church more effective in this community. Our only purpose has been to prepare a serviceable book wherein one may find quickly the street address and telephone number of officers and members of the church. It is our earnest desire, therefore, that every organization, as well as each individual member, may make the largest possible use of the Directory.

"Then said I, Woe is me, for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphins unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar."—Isaiah 6:5, 6.

The foregoing has been referred to as "An ancient experience of modern significance." Have we anything in common with Isaiah? He was sure that he was not qualified for the work to which God had called him. Where is our confidence? But, when God had removed Isaiah's sin and guilt, he was deeply sensible of the Divine presence and became eager to do His holy will. Let us, therefore, yield ourselves unreservedly unto our God and Father for service.

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Historical Sketch

The history of a church, like the history of an individual, is a very personal matter for the simple reason that it concerns not merely one, but many individuals and their spiritual well-being.

Like many other churches, the West Asheville Presbyterian Church had its origin in a little Mission School. ' And to think of a Mission Sunday School is but to think of personalites.

"The biggest thing on earth is a man," says some one, "and the most interesting thing about a man is his personality." In the providence of God, Dr. P. P. Winn moved to West Asheville in the fall of 1913. Being a Minister of the Word as well as an able educator, he was naturally interested in the children of the community. As a result of his labors a Sunday School was organized in an upper room of a store building near the end of the car line.

The following is taken from the records of the West Asheville Presbyterian Church:

"When Mr. Winn moved to Florida, at a meeting of some of those especially interested in the work, it was decided to ask the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery to assist them in securing a lot for a church, and a minister, and in organizing a church.

"The result was that, under the direction of Rev. R. P. Smith, Superintendent of Home Missions, a beautiful building site was secured on the southwest corner of Haywood Road and Virginia Avenue, and Mr. Henry G. Bedinger, a graduate of Union Theological Seminary, of Richmond, was sent to unite the people and organize a church.

"The room in the store soon proved too small for the congregation and Sunday School, and a temporary building was erected on the lot to serve until a permanent church could be built. On the first Sunday in August, 1916, the Sunday School was changed to the morning and moved into the new building with forty members present. H. G. BEDINGER.

"The organization of the church was effected as follows:

"October 29, 1916.

"The commission appointed to organize a church at West Asheville and to ordain Licentiate H. G. Bedinger as an Evangelist, met at 3:30 p.m., in the West Asheville Presbyterian Church. Present: Revs. R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, A. M. McLauchlin and E. L. Siler, and Ruling Elders E. E. White and D. S. Watson. The Commission was opened with prayer.

"The church was then organized according to the Book of Church Order. Three Ruling Elders were elected, namely: Messrs. W. H. White, C. L. Kiser and W. T. Snyder. A sermon was preached by Rev. E. L. Siler from Matthew 25:21. The elders-elect were then ordained and installed according to the provisions of the Book of Church Order.

"Licentiate H. G. Bedinger was ordained as an Evangelist by prayer and the laying on of the hands of Commission. An appropriate charge to the Evangelist was delivered by Rev. R. P. Smith.

"The commission adjourned with the benediction.

"E. L. SILER, Clerk."

Rev. H. G. Bedinger served both the church and the entire community faithfully until April, 1918. Mr. Bedinger gave up the work to enter the service of his country as chaplain. His memory is still dear to the people who knew him as pastor and friend.

On September 15, 1918, the congregation of the West Asheville Presbyterian Church extended a call to Rev. P. N. Gresham. Mr. Gresham accepted the call and was ordained to the Gospel Ministry by a Commission of Asheville Presbytery on December 15, 1918. Early in January, 1929, Mr. Gresham resigned the pastorate to become the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Savannah, Ga.

During Mr. Gresham's ministry the church grew rapidly. It was also during his ministry that the present building was erected.

The present pastor, Rev. W. F. Creson, began his work in August, 1929, coming from the First Presbyterian Church, Crowley, La. In spite of many difficulties the work goes forward. Something like 170 members have been added to the church. We take courage and go forward.

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H. F. Dillingham, 19 North Liberty	3503
Miss Frances Dillingham, 19 North Liberty	3503
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Miss Sarah Goforth, 51 Sand Hill Road	2458-J
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Miss Vivian Lyle, 95 Pennsylvania	
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Sam Stevens, 3 Forest Road	1012-J
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Sam Stevens, Twin Pines	
Mrs. Charles Stevens	
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Mrs. J. R. Street, 109 Pennsylvania Avenue	4924
Mrs. L. Sumner, 87 Beverly Road	1684
Mark Sumner	
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C. R. Sumner, 119 Houston Street	6570
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Walter Schooler, 32 Oakwood Street	
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D. M. Tate, 47 Lanning Avenue	3427-W
Mrs. D. M. Tate, 47 Lanning Avenue	3427-W
Miss Gertrude Tate, 47 Lanning Avenue	3427-W
Miss Cornelia Taylor, 23 Louisiana Avenue	2527-W
Miss Eunice Taylor, 23 Louisiana Avenue	2527-W
Miss Eva Taylor, 23 Louisiana Avenue	2527-W
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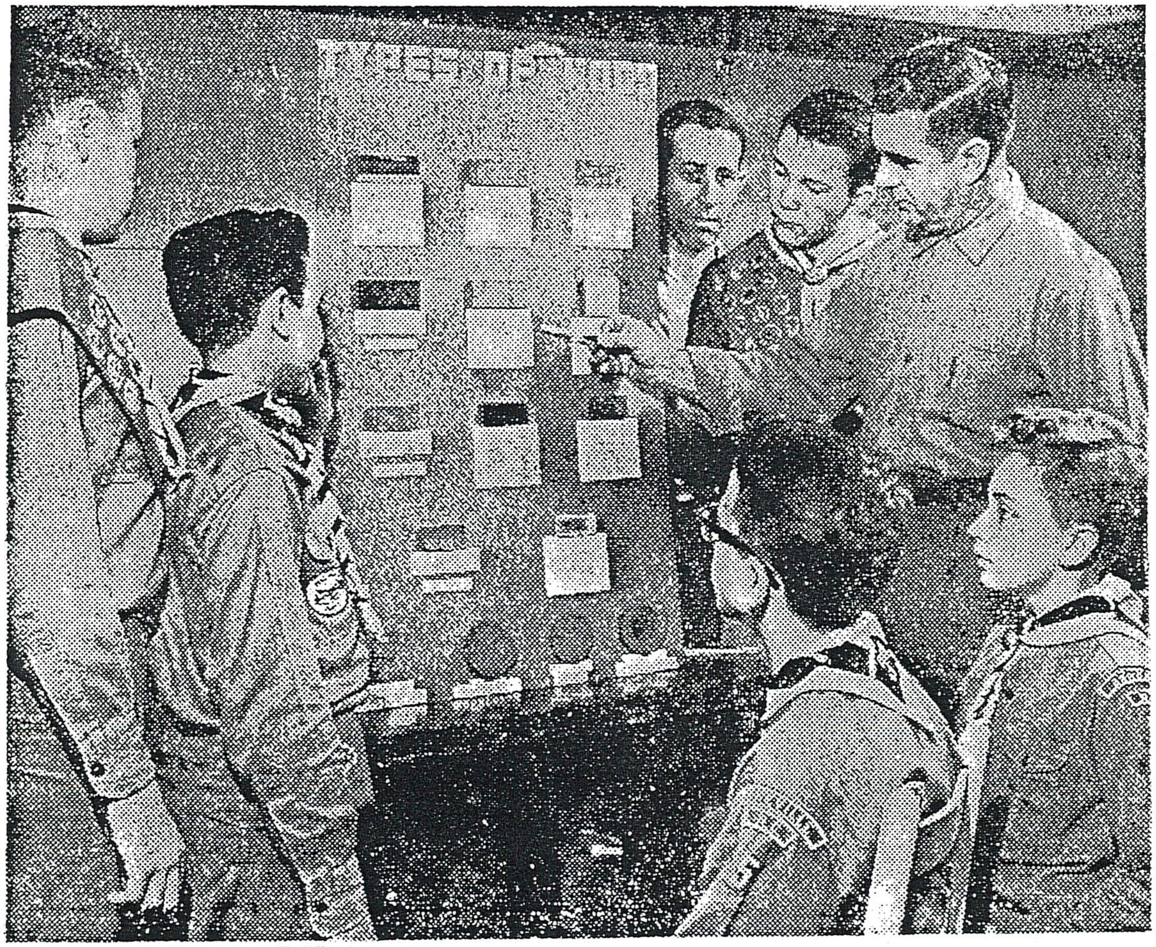

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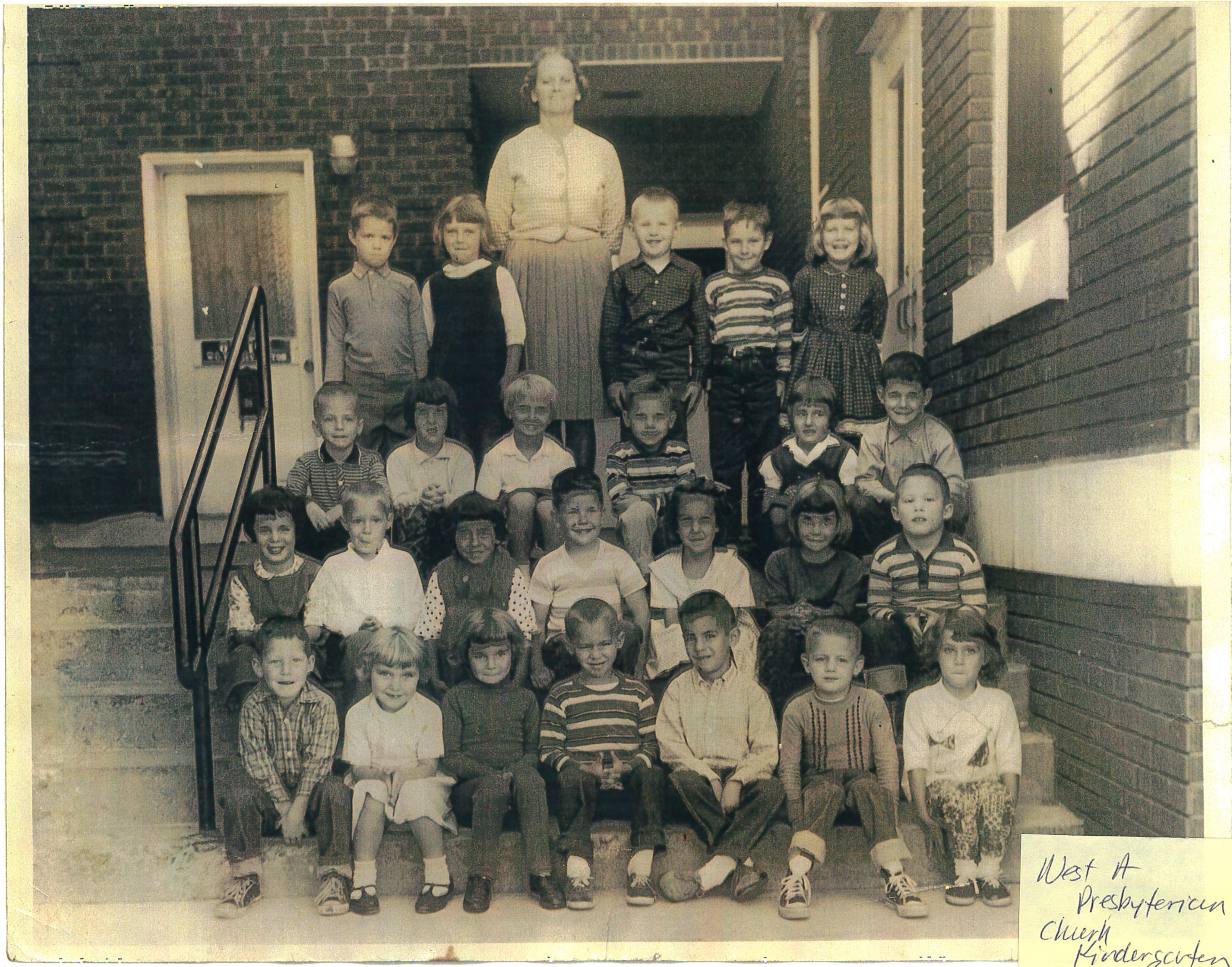
SCOUTMASTER JOHN PALMER points to a type of wood at an instruction session of a meeting of Boy Scout Troop Five in West Asheville Presbyterian Church. Palmer, who has seen Troop Five grow from seven to 77 Scouts in his six years at the helm, is typical of the many dedicated Scoutmasters within the Daniel Boone Council.

Kindergarten Class - West Asheville Presbyterian Church
1962



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T All West Asheville Churches
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Millie Jones 253-6318 (home)
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This fall, Dr. Phyllis Lang (UNCA, ret'd.) and Dr. Susan Reiser (Computer Science Department, UNCA), with the help of advanced computer science students, will be creating a CD-rom companion to a book about the history of West Asheville upon which we are currently at work. We are hoping to include brief historical information about all West Asheville churches on the CD-rom.

If your church would like to be included in this project, please complete the following information for us:

1. Name of Church: West Asheville Presbyterian
2. Address: 690 Haywood Road (Corner of Haywood Rd. & Virginia Ave.)
3. Date founded: 1916 . met as SS in upstairs of store building
Paul P. Winn organized Sunday School 1913
4. Name of first pastor: Henry C. Bedinger Photo? attached
5. Number in founding congregation: 41
6. Do you have available an early picture of your church building or a picture of an early congregation that we can copy?
Yes attached
7. Do you know an interesting anecdote connected with the early years of your church?
Information included with attached copy
of photos of ministers and
The first Building

Current building is located on original property and
dedicated in 1922

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If you have any questions, please call Millie Jones or Karen Loughmiller (numbers above). Thank you very much.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION OF

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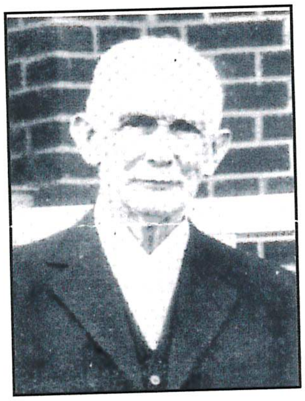
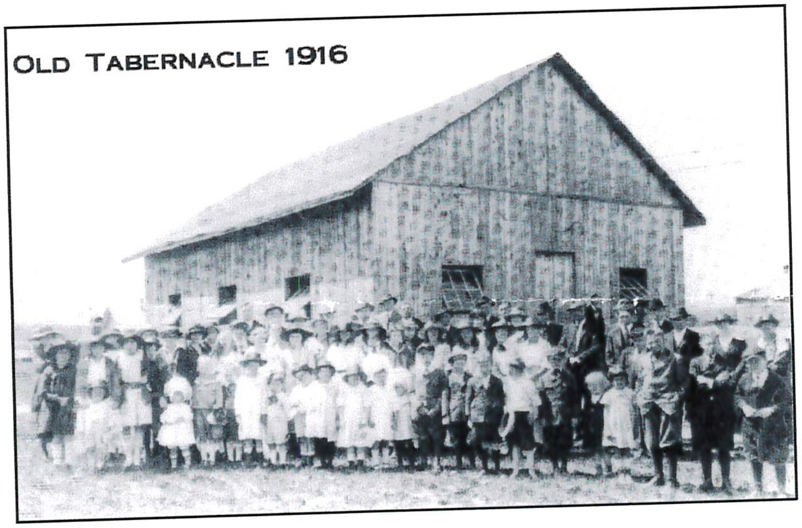


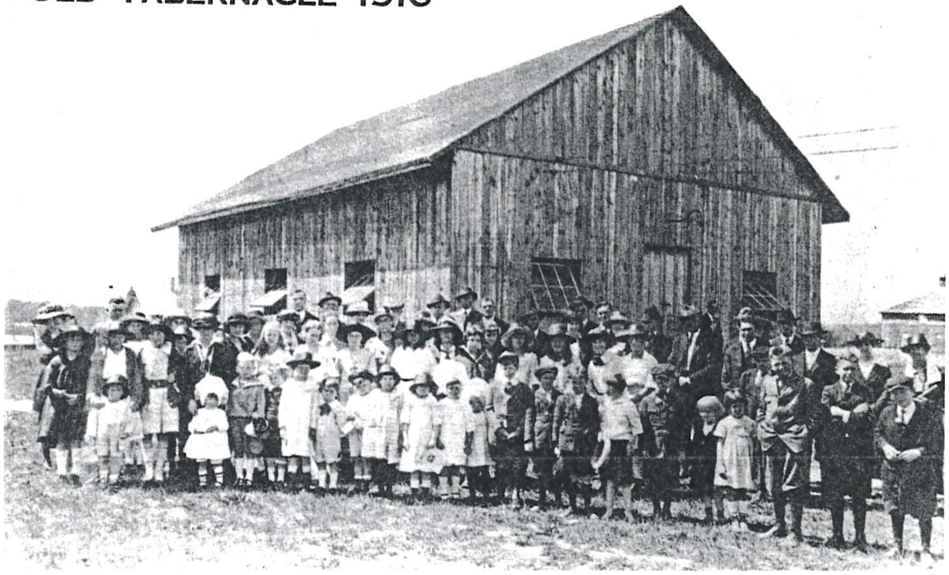
Paul P. Winn
1913-1916
Started the Sunday School

Henry G. Bedinger
1916-1918
FIRST PASTOR



First Building - also referred to as the Potato Patch Church -
Members sold vegetables to help with expenses.
Current building dedicated in 1922

OLD TABERNACLE 1916



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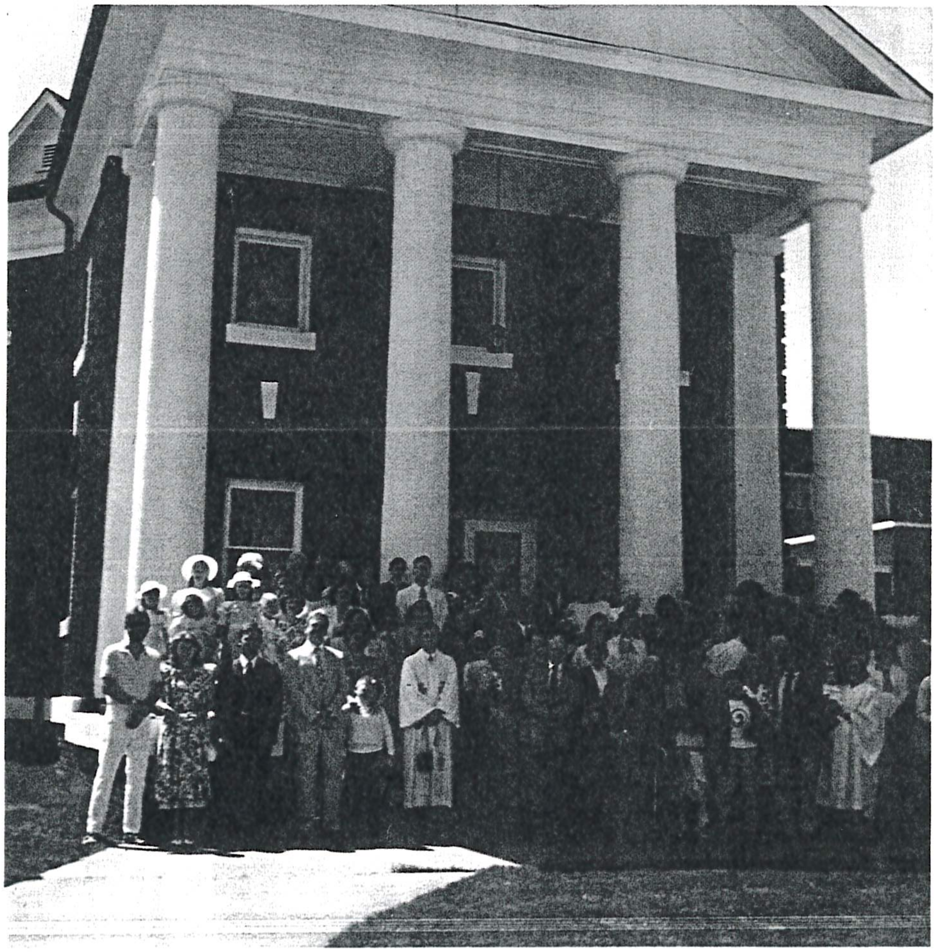
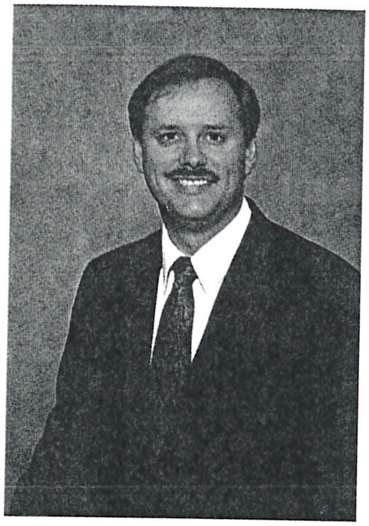


THIS IS NONE OTHER BUT THE HOUSE OF GOD, AND THIS IS THE GATE OF HEAVEN. GENESIS 28:17B (1921 CORNERSTONE)



J. Ben Sloan
1989-1996

CHURCH STAFF

The Membership of God's Church, located on the corner of Haywood Road and Virgnia Avenue, is thankful and excited about celebrating its 80th year in bringing God's word into the community. However, by the time this directory is printed and delivered, our beloved Ben will have answered the call of God for an assignment in Georgetown, S.C. We are sad to see him go from our lives but we look back with pleasure and happiness for his presence in our midst for the past seven years.

Ben has been a true servant to this church, its members and the community at large. His ever presence in the day to day problems of our lives will never be forgotten. We say to Ben, go with God and do not forget us for we will never forget you.

Thank you God, Thank you Ben!!

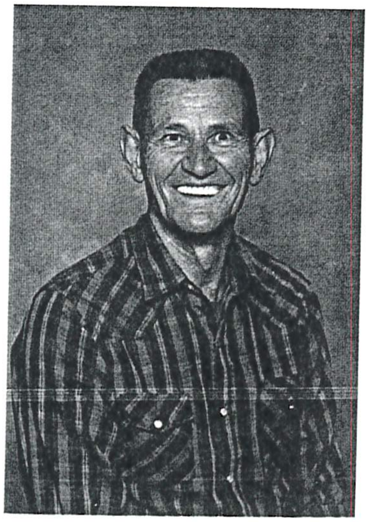
Diane Plym
Director of Christian Education

Events in the life of the church

1913- P.P. Wynn starts a Sunday School- second floor- over present Ideal Drug Store.
1916- Church is organized- buys property- builds the Potato House to meet in- 41 members.
1922- Present sanctuary is dedicated.
1938- First addition is built- The "Old Sunday School".
1943- Helps organize Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church.
1956- Second addition- The "New Sunday School Building".
We have had ten Pastors. These are shown together with times served on page two of this directory.

Carrie Wolff
Secretary

Becky Wilburn
Director of Music



Carmon Haney
Custodian

For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.

Matthew 18:20

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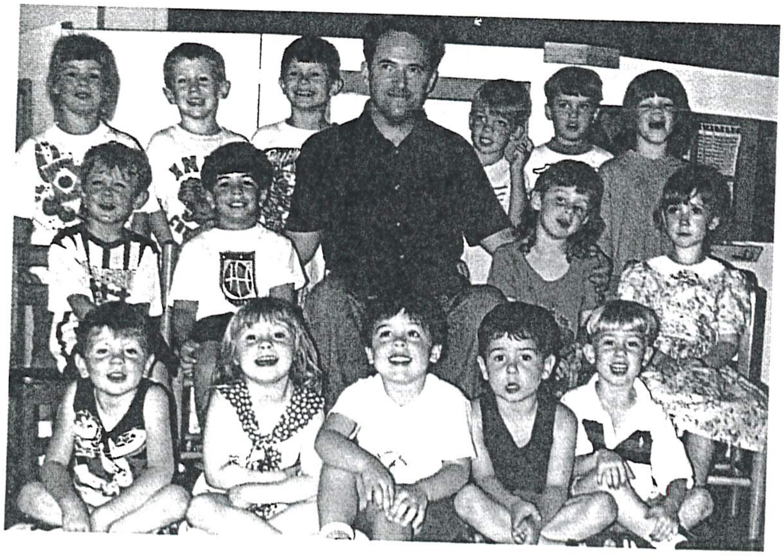
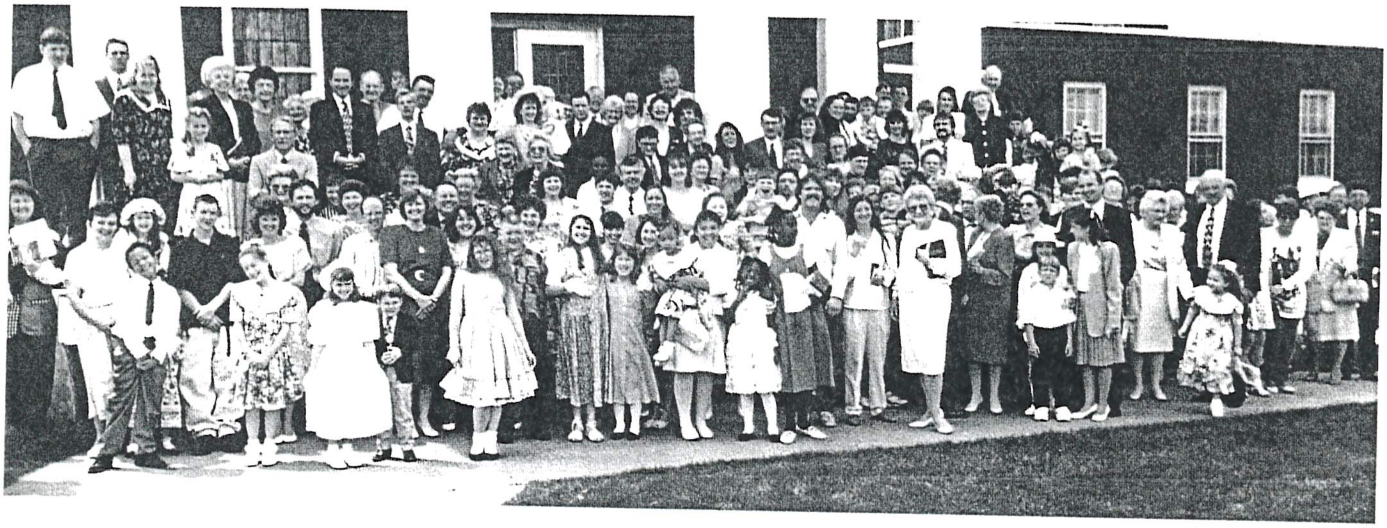
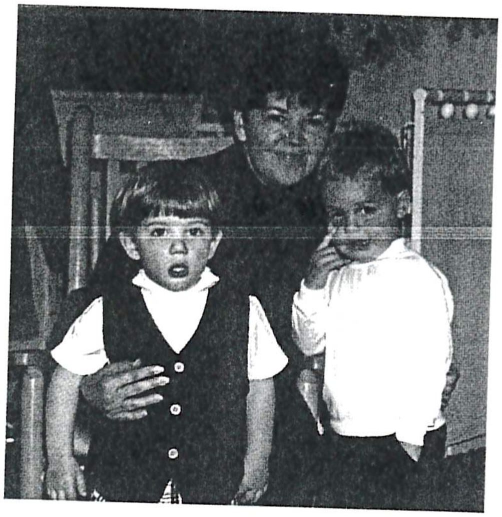




FIRST METHODIST

AUGUSTINE



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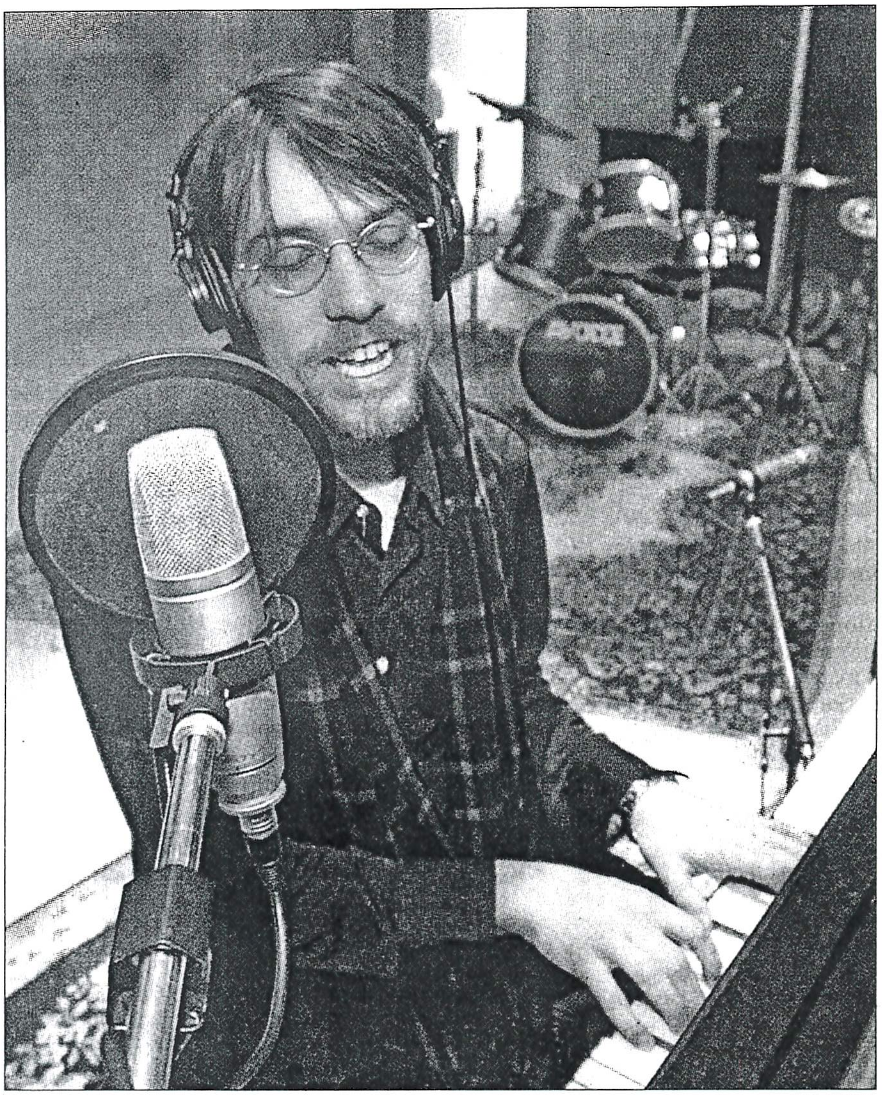
Concert to benefit shelter program

ASHEVILLE — The Outreach Committee of West Asheville Presbyterian Church will host a concert of local musicians to benefit the Hospitality House and Room in the Inn shelter program. The concert will take place at 4 p.m. Feb. 19 at the church, 690 Haywood Road. Admission is $10 for adults and $5 for children younger than 12.

All proceeds benefit Room in the Inn, a shelter program serving women out of local churches on a rotation basis. Performers will include **Woody Wood**, The Rib Tips, **Malcolm Holcombe**, **Aaron Price**, Mad Tea Party, Song o' Sky Sweet Adelines, **Katie Kasben**, **Daniel Coolik** and the Asheville Slavic Church Women's Choir.



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Local performers Aaron Price, shown above, Woody Wood, The Rib Tips, Malcolm Holcombe, Mad Tea Party, Song o' Sky Sweet Adelines, Katie Kasben, Daniel Coolik and the Asheville Slavic Church Women's Choir will perform at 4 p.m. Feb. 19 at a benefit for Hospitality House and Room in the Inn shelter program.

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